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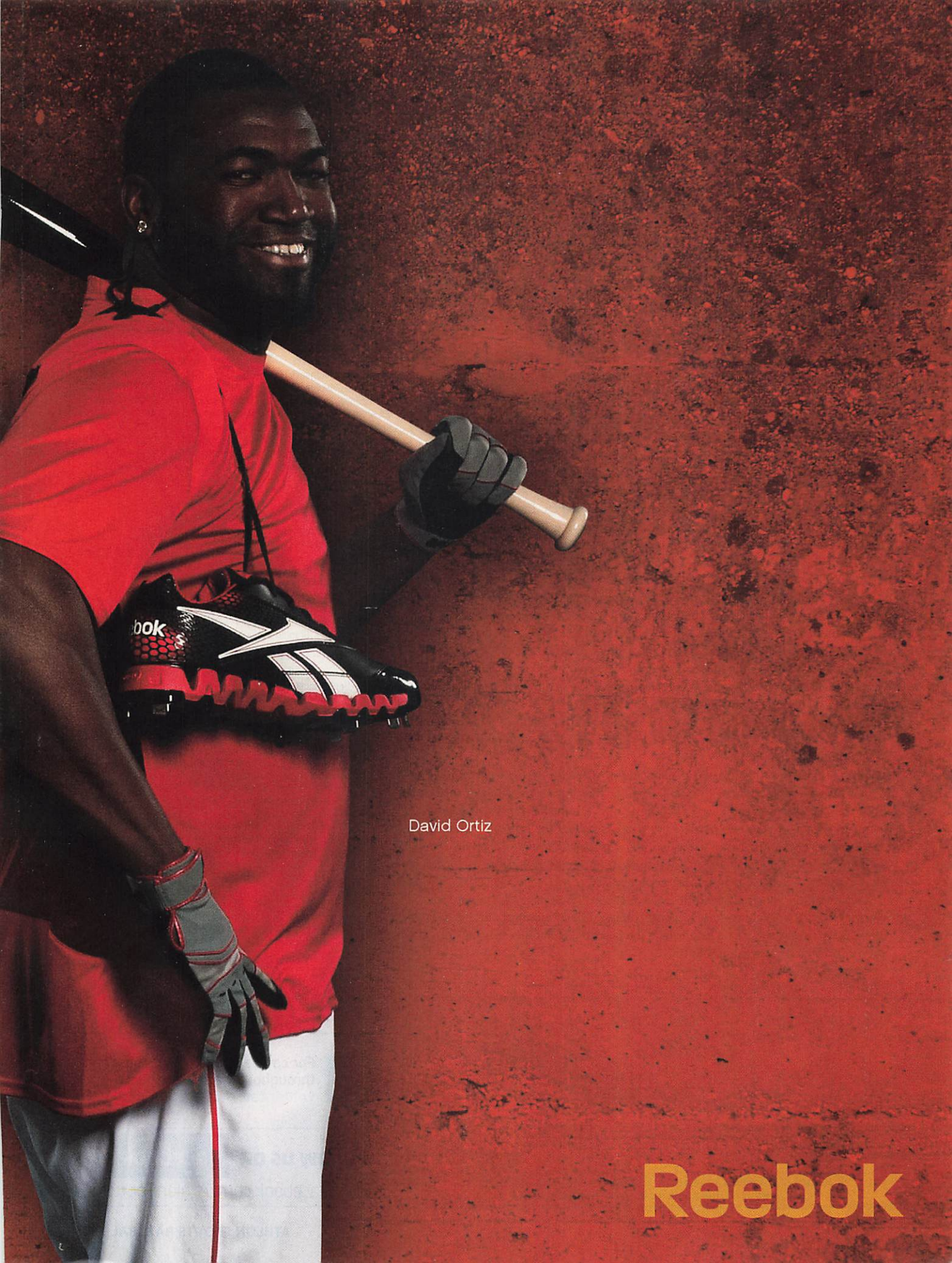
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EDITOR'S LETTER

For fans in the Midwest inclined to wear the color red to baseball games, last fall could not have been more exciting. The St. Louis Cardinals, down by more than 10 games to wild-card-leading Atlanta Braves at the start of September, treated their fans to one thrill after another on their way to winning one of the most improbable championships in recent memory.

It didn't matter that the Phillies were the best team in baseball over 162 games with the National League's best pitching staff. It didn't matter that the Cardinals weren't competitive in the NL Central, finishing second to Milwaukee by six games.

All that mattered was that the Cardinals found a way into the 2011 playoffs and managed to win 11 postseason games before anyone else.

A new hero emerged every night, it seemed, but third baseman David Freese provided the most lasting memories from 2011 with his game-tying triple and game-winning home run in Game 6 after the Cardinals were twice a strike away from losing the World Series.

But this magazine is about 2012. Can the Redbirds possibly repeat their 2011 miracle? Not likely. What team will prove its mettle in October? Our National League predictions are on page 98, the AL on page 36. But here's a hint: Texas, Philadelphia and the Yankees all look strong again this year. The Cardinals? Well, winning the watered-down NL Central may be their ceiling in 2012.

One of the keys to the Cardinals' success last season was a blockbuster trade at the deadline in which the organization rebuilt its bullpen. In most every season, pennant races hinge on teams boosting their rosters at the July 31 trade deadline.

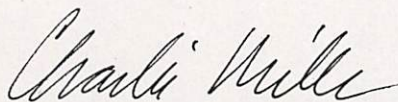
We'll take you back to some of the most memorable trade deadline deals in history. We identify the five best short-term and long-term deals in history. No 2011 trade made the cut, but future Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz was a key to a trade in 1987. Check out the wheeling and dealing history on page 22.

Of course, the 2012 Cardinals will be without Albert Pujols, the face of the franchise for the past 11 seasons. Mr. Pujols signed with the Los Angeles Angels for more than \$240 million, depending on how you count all the pennies. Obviously, that's wonderful for the Pujols family, but was that a good deal for the Angels? Probably not. The Angels are committing more than \$140 million to King Albert after the age of 37. But for a team that just signed a TV deal that will pay \$1 billion over the next 20 years, the Angels can afford for the last few years of the deal to go sour.

Not only did the Angels make a splash in the offseason by signing Pujols as well as investing more than \$75 million in C.J. Wilson, but the Marlins spent freely as well. The Cubs convinced Theo Epstein to join the their front office and help end the curse of more than 100 years just as he was the primary architect of Boston's two championship teams in 2004 and 2007. Now the Cubs believe Epstein can end the organization's World Series drought that dates to 1908. Read all about Theo-ology in Chicago on page 28.

This is Athlon Sports' 25th edition of our Baseball magazine. We appreciate you making this a part of your early spring reading. I can't wait until pitchers and catchers report and the season begins with the potential of another magical post-season run by a team we don't expect.

Enjoy the season!



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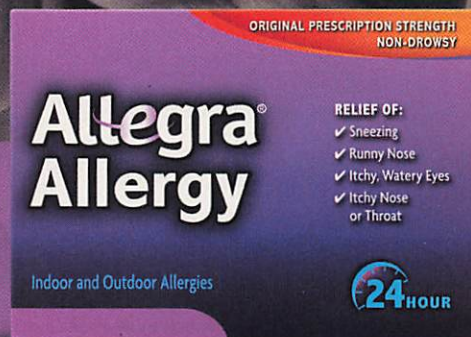
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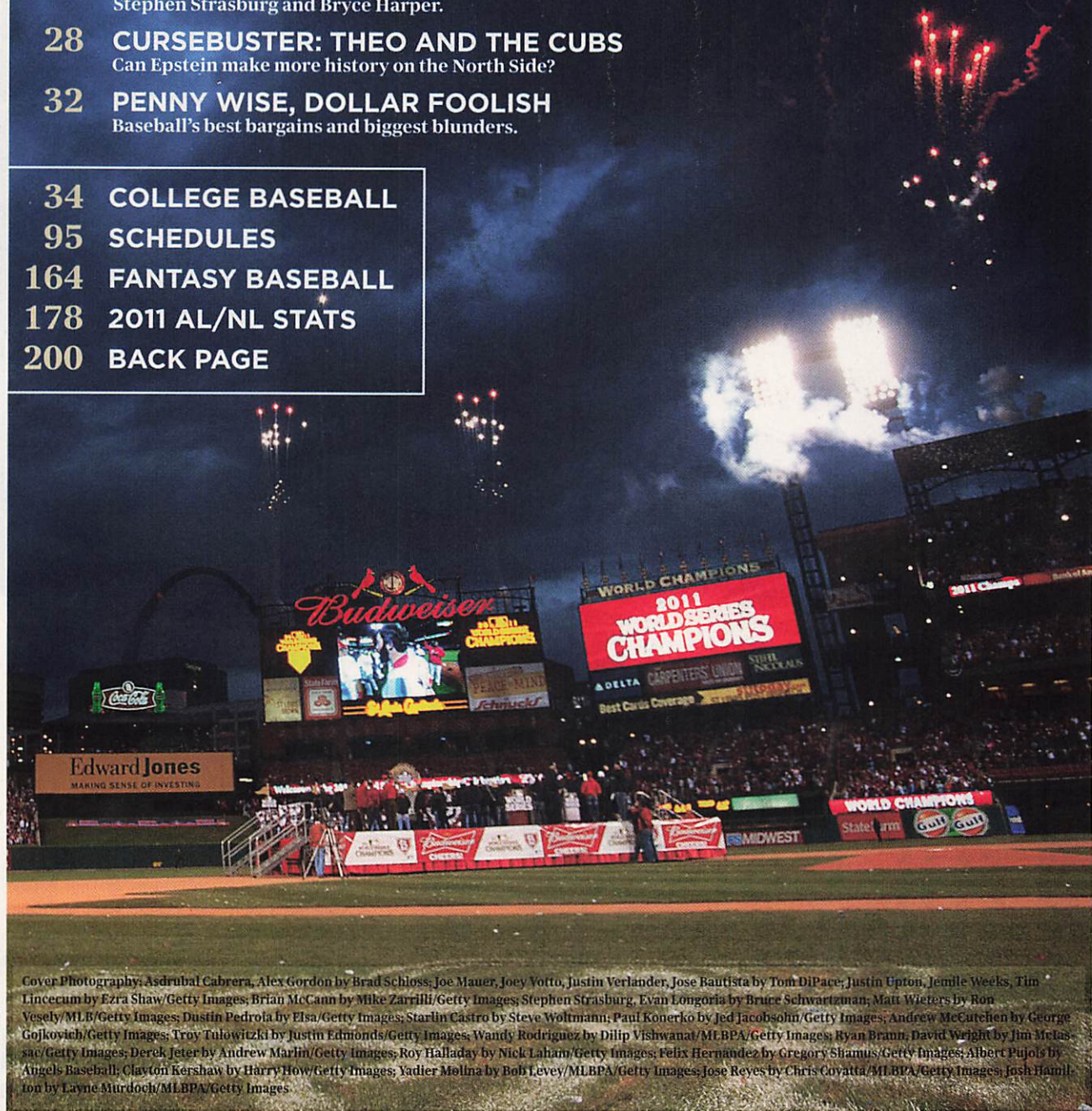
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A Week for the Weak

Even as his home state of Missouri was digging out from the tragic tornadoes, Albert Pujols was terminating a drought. His home run last May 23 ended the longest stretch of his career — 105 at-bats — without one. The swat seemed to shift the winds for a number of other perennial sluggers, as well.

Though more than one-quarter of the schedule was already in the rear view, two players coming off 30-jack seasons hit their first longball of 2011 that day. One (Josh Hamilton) was playing in just his 12th game, but Corey Hart's dearth was identical to Pujols' at 105 ABs when he up and connected three times for the Brewers. Meanwhile, Jack Cust of the Mariners — a three-time 25-homer man himself — put No. 1 in the books after 168 empty trips.

The next day, Hart went deep again; Jason Varitek's 117 at-bat famine bit the dust; a fifth player in 13 days tagged a trio of taters; and David DeJesus, after having gone the first 902 games of his career without a multi-homer performance, rung up his second in three weeks. And before the week was over, there was this coincidence of clout: Aramis Ramirez and Aaron Hill, who owned 11 25-home run campaigns between them, ended bomb-free stretches of exactly 155 at-bats on the very same day.

Brad Pitt and the Pendulum

It's understandable that book-learnin' may not be the strong suit of major league players, but could those guys at least go see a movie?

In the year "Moneyball" came to a theater near you, few got the moral of the story. Even as the film extolled the virtues of reaching base, teams drew only 3.09 walks per game in 2011 — the skimpiest average since 1968, the so-called "Year of the Pitcher" in which Bob Gibson posted his iconic 1.12 ERA. That bases-on-balls figure was lower than in all but 15 of the 92 seasons of the live-ball era. Conversely, batters struck out at the highest rate in history: 7.092 times per team contest, yielding an elevated whiff-to-walk ratio of 2.3.

As the seminal sabermetricians surmised, all this aggressiveness has unintended consequences. On a per-game basis last year, the pendulum swung back to 1992 (the final season of the pre-steroid era) in runs, hits, home runs, batting average, slugging percentage and total bases.

So maybe the offensive retreat of 2011 wasn't really about the game's new, juice-free future. Perhaps it was just as much about a failure to learn from the past.

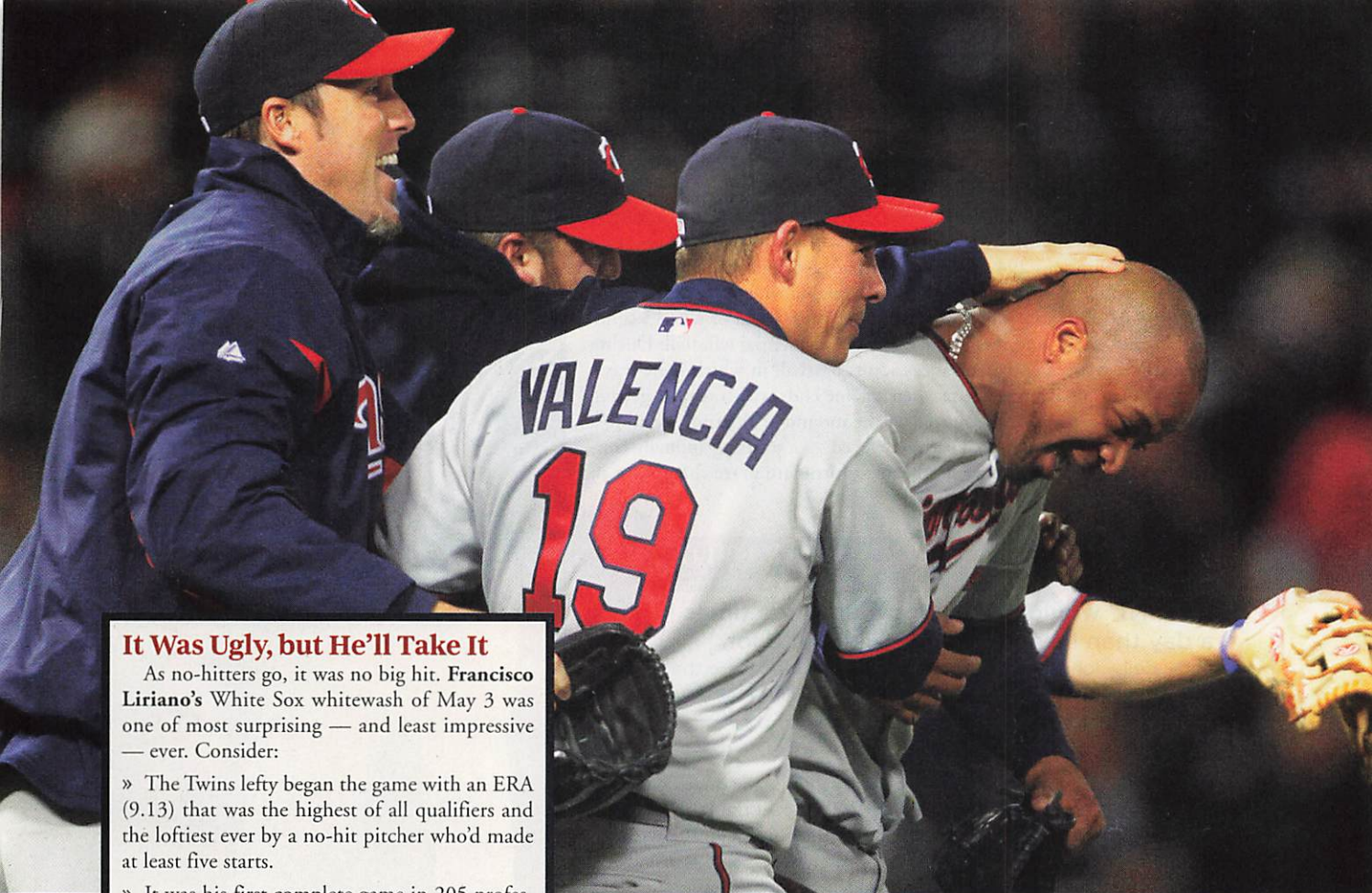
The MOST INTERESTING MEN *in the WORLD*

Random ruminations from the men who make baseball what it is

"The sun's been in the same damn spot for however long Wrigley Field's been here."

— Cubs manager Mike Quade, ripping shortstop Starlin Castro for losing a pop-up in the sun





It Was Ugly, but He'll Take It

As no-hitters go, it was no big hit. **Francisco Liriano's** White Sox whitewash of May 3 was one of most surprising — and least impressive — ever. Consider:

» The Twins lefty began the game with an ERA (9.13) that was the highest of all qualifiers and the loftiest ever by a no-hit pitcher who'd made at least five starts.

» It was his first complete game in 205 professional starts.

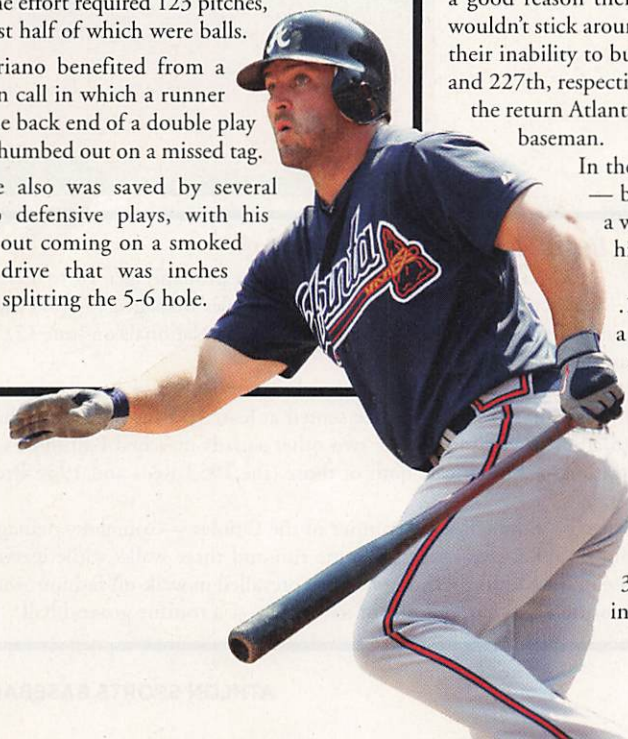
» The "gem" came against the team with the worst record in baseball, one that had lost 15 of its last 19 games and had scored more than four runs only three times in the previous three weeks.

» Liriano walked six batters and struck out just a pair. Of the 171 no-hitters since 1919, there have been only two worse ratios.

» The effort required 123 pitches, almost half of which were balls.

» Liriano benefited from a blown call in which a runner on the back end of a double play was thumbed out on a missed tag.

» He also was saved by several sharp defensive plays, with his final out coming on a smoked line drive that was inches from splitting the 5-6 hole.



It Was Uggla, but He'll Take It

Being as kind as possible, we'll call this a "curious" statement:

"I could care less what my batting average is at the end of the season. If I hit under .200, but drive in 80 or 90 runs, I'm fine with that."

The narrator was **Dan Uggla**, still struggling to scrape the Mendoza Line in late July. And while he may be fine with that, history begs to differ.

There have been only two players who've hit below .200 while driving in between 80 and 90 runs: Mark Reynolds and Carlos Peña, both in 2010. And there's a good reason there have not been more. Players of that consistent persuasion wouldn't stick around long because of the enormous number of outs they make and their inability to build runs for teammates. Peña and Reynolds ranked only 208th and 227th, respectively, in WAR (wins above replacement level). That's not exactly the return Atlanta would expect from a \$62 million investment in its new second baseman.

In the end, Uggla did attain his RBI range and post a positive WAR — both barely. But getting to his final batting average of .233 was a war in and of itself, one that required the most improbably long hitting streak ever.

When the 33-gamer began on July 5, he was limping along at .173 — a record-low at the commencement of such a streak for a player with more than 10 at-bats. When it reached 20, he was up to .206 — a record-low by 37 points for one of that length. When it got to 25, he was still at .215 — the record-low now extending to 50 points. Just keeping the streak on life support, in fact, entailed such kismet as a pinch-hit home run and a retroactive scoring change.

When it finally ended on Aug. 14, Uggla had himself the 15th-longest binge in history, the third-lengthiest by a second baseman, the fourth of that extent by a player who finished with 30 longballs, and a share of the record for most homers (15) during a hitting streak of any length.

Reversal of Fortune

Ryan Dempster won a game last season in which he allowed four runs. This was news because that's pretty much all he can afford to surrender and still have a chance. Over the course of his 14-year career, other pitchers were victorious in nearly 1,200 starts in which they've given up at least five runs (18 of them by Jamie Moyer). In Dempster's 294 starts, he's won but twice in that scenario.

Lady luck treated the righthander much more amiably when he was the Cubs closer from 2005-07. He was, for example, credited with a win or save 13 times despite being scored upon. And then there was this providential windfall: During those seasons, there were only five instances across baseball in which there was a walk-off hit by the losing team (such as when a game ends with a runner getting thrown out). In all three, it was Dempster on the mound at the time, earning a save despite allowing a hit to the final batter he faced — a startling anomaly considering that no other active pitcher has been so fortunate more than twice in their entire careers.

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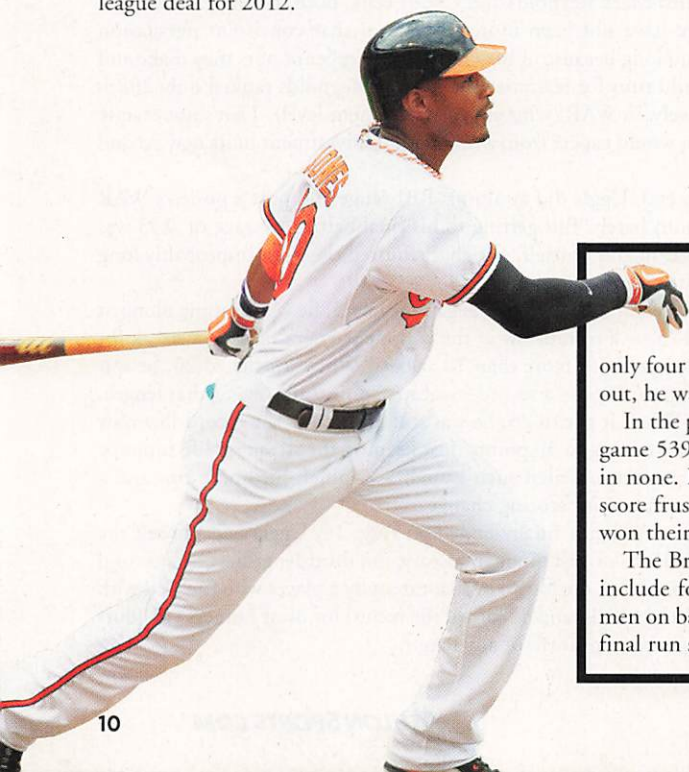
"I think 'KT' would rather throw up three times a day than have his team strike out a lot."

— Kelly Johnson, speculating that his whiffs were the reason Diamondbacks GM Kevin Towers traded him to Toronto



Thank You Sir, May I Have Another?

Journeyman Erick Almonte hasn't had much of a major league career, but that's not to say he hasn't made an impression. Back in 2003, he set the Yankees record for lowest fielding percentage (.906) by a shortstop in a season of at least 30 games. About 60 pounds — but zero big league games — later, he was a 33-year-old veteran of eight organizations (including Japan and independent ball). Almonte broke camp with the Brewers last spring, though, and on April 2, he hit his second home run exactly eight years to the day after his first. On the 26th, he was smoked in the grill by a ball during a pregame workout, making him the first player ever to be placed on MLB's special seven-day disabled list for concussions. It was a month until he was cleared for action. But when the persistent warrior returned to the field for his first batting practice, he was — as unfortunate as this is to repeat — smoked in the grill by a ball during a pregame workout. Almonte never made it back to Milwaukee, but the club was gracious enough to re-sign him to a minor league deal for 2012.



Four Score and 18 Hits Ago

"Usually when you get 18 hits, you probably get 10 to 12 runs," conjectured **Adam Jones** after his Orioles managed to cross the dish only four times despite their 18 knocks in a loss to the Nationals on June 17. Turns out, he was right.

In the previous two decades, teams rapped exactly 18 hits in a non-extra-inning game 539 times. In 455 of those, they scored at least 10 runs, but fewer than six in none. In all of baseball lore, only two other squads matched Baltimore's four-score frustration — but at least both of those (the 1953 Reds and 1935 Browns) won their games.

The Browns — a franchise forerunner of the Orioles — somehow managed to include four doubles, two triples, a home run and three walks while leaving 15 men on base in their unlikely triumph. They prevailed in walk-off fashion, with the final run scoring on — no, not one of its 18 hits — a routine ground ball.

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March 2 A.J. Pierzynski gets ticketed for going 75 in a 65 by an officer who is unimpressed that the White Sox catcher is wearing his uniform.

March 31 Rickie Weeks and Carlos Gomez make the Brewers the first team in 42 years to open its season with back-to-back home runs.

April 1 In his first game with the Red Sox, Adrian Gonzalez equals his 858-game career stolen base total — with one. (It would remain his final season sum.)

April 2 In his first start in 11 months following two wrist surgeries, Mark DeRosa slides headfirst into first base.

April 3 Matt Garza allows 12 singles (no extra-base hits) and strikes out 12 batters (no walks) in his Cubs debut.

April 5 Anibal Sanchez punches out Jayson Werth for the eighth consecutive time.

April 5 A second slugger in a four-day period — Adam Dunn following Matt Holliday — undergoes an appendectomy.

April 7 The Elias Sports Bureau reports that Fausto Carmona is the first pitcher since 1905 to allow no runs in his second start of a season after giving up 10 in his first (with no relief outings in between).

April 7 Bryce Harper, the so-called slugging prospect of the century, bunts for a hit in his first professional at-bat for Class A Hagerstown.

April 8 The Giants are the first team ever to win back-to-back home openers in the 12th inning or later — both by a 5–4 score and both with Aaron Rowand delivering a walk-off single.

April 8 For the second time in three games, the Mets are burned by a pitcher for a two-run bases-loaded hit.

April 14 The Padres are shut out in a third straight start made by Dustin Moseley.

April 17 Edinson Volquez allows home runs to the first two batters he sees for the second time in his first four starts.

April 24 Ryan Braun attempts to reach a fan who proposed marriage, but can't reach her because she printed her cell phone number on her sign at the park and was inundated with calls.

April 25 Kosuke Fukudome enjoys his first five-hit game — maybe, or maybe not, on his birthday. (Because of the time difference, it was his birthday only in Japan.)

April 25 In his 27th inning of the season, Dustin Moseley finally gets his first run of support, but still exits the game with an 0–3 record and 1.99 ERA in five starts.

April 28 A St. Petersburg bar & grill holds a Sam Fuld look-alike contest that is won by an 8-year-old girl.

Apr. 30 After holding batters in the first three innings of games to 0-for-47 with 22 strikeouts, Josh Johnson's streak ends in his sixth start.

May 3 The Padres defeat the Pirates thanks to home runs from one player (Rob Johnson) who hadn't hit one in 11-plus months, another (Eric Patterson) whose drought was 10 months, and a third (pitcher Mat Latos) who'd only hit one before.

May 6 Cliff Lee is the third pitcher ever to lose a game despite striking out at least 16 batters in a start of seven or fewer innings.

May 7 Andre Ethier is the fourth consecutive player to assemble a 30-game hitting streak but fail to make it 31.

May 13 The Brewers improve to 23–13 on Friday the 13th — the best record of any franchise on that day, according to STATS, LLC.

May 18 Both Royals pinch-runners (Mike Aviles and Jarrod Dyson) in the ninth inning of a tie game are picked off at first base.

May 18 Jered Weaver becomes the first pitcher of the modern era to lose four consecutive starts immediately after opening a season with wins in six straight.

May 19 Though it had never happened before, Josh Collmenter is the second pitcher in 2011 (with Alexi Ogando) to work at least six scoreless innings while allowing two or fewer hits in each of his first two major league starts.

May 20 Ezequiel Carrera of the Indians plunks down an eighth-inning single on a perfect squeeze on the first pitch he sees in the majors to score the decisive run in a 5–4 win over the Reds.

May 21 David Ortiz's 300th home run as a Red Sox is caught by CNN news anchor John King, who agrees to exchange it for a signed bat.

May 23 Reds rookie Todd Frazier flings the bat into the stands while swinging at the first pitch he ever sees.

May 24 For the fifth time in 13 days, a player hits three home runs in a game.

May 24 Batting twice with two outs and runners in scoring position, Sam Fuld hits the ball on the screws twice, only to see it bounce off an infielder's glove into the hands of another infielder, who records the out.

May 25 Three days after pounding him for four runs in three innings, the Rays claim Jay Buente off waivers from the Marlins.

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May 25 Wilson Valdez is the first player since Babe Ruth in 1921 to earn a pitching win after starting the game at another position.

May 27 One day after striking out four times, Adam Dunn draws four walks — the first time that's happened since 1968.

May 29 A bloop single by Jayson Nix ends an 0-for-42 skid by all Blue Jays third basemen.

May 30 The Rays' MLB record of 52 consecutive games to open a season without making more than one error ends when shortstop Sean Rodriguez commits three in five innings.

May 31 Brett Anderson, who had not allowed a home run to a left-handed batter in his previous 36 starts, serves up a pair to Yankees portsideers.

June 1 Toronto is the first team since 1981 to hit three straight triples. Two were tagged by players who never had one before.

June 2 Teddy Roosevelt's five-year losing streak in the Nationals' "President's Race" is extended when he is disqualified for using a Segway.

June 3 The Mets became the first team in MLB annals to lose six consecutive home games that they led in the seventh inning or later.

June 4 Brian Dinkelman of the Twins is hit by the first pitch he faces in The Show.

June 11 The Braves franchise reaches .500 (9,982–9,982) for the first time since 1923, the Elias Sports Bureau reports.

June 14 It takes 10 pitchers to settle a Pirates win over the Astros — the first time that's ever happened in a nine-inning, 1–0 decision prior to September roster expansion.

June 18 For the first time in 32 years, the initial batter of a game (Rickie Weeks) homers after his foul pop-up is dropped for an error.

June 19 Skip Schumaker tags the second walk-off home run of his career — each in a game he didn't start.

June 24 For the first time ever, due to a game being relocated from Florida to Seattle, National League rules are used in an AL ballpark. (Felix Hernandez becomes the initial pitcher to get a hit at Safeco Field.)

June 26 For the second time this season, the winning run in the 10th inning scores on a wild pitch during an intentional walk. (Kevin Jepsen and Steve Cishek were the culprits.)

June 27 The Dodgers win, 15–0, the day the club files for bankruptcy.

June 28 The Mets end the majors' longest dry spell without a grand slam (almost two years) by connecting for one in consecutive innings against Detroit.

June 28 Gavin Floyd and Jason Hammel — both 6'6", 28-year-old righthanders — square off. While becoming the first opposing pitchers in 30 years not to strike out a batter in a seven-inning start, each fills the boxscore with identical totals in innings (seven), runs (two), hits (six), walks (two) and even groundballs induced (12).

June 29 The Mets whack the Tigers, 16–9, on a day the other 28 teams in action average 2.3 runs.

July 1 For the first time ever, 10 winning pitchers in one day were non-American-born.

July 2 Due to an umpire's error, San Diego's Cameron Maybin walks on three balls and then scores the only run of the game against Seattle.

July 29 Emilio Bonifacio's 26-game hitting streak and Dustin Pedroia's streak of 25 come to an end.

July 30 Chris Tillman and Zach Britton, called up from the minors by Baltimore to start in a doubleheader against the Yankees, combine to allow 16 runs in 4.2 innings.

July 30 Luke Gregerson serves up his fourth grand slam in his foes' last 18 at-bats with the bases loaded.

Aug. 1 For the second day in a row, the Mets tie a game with a homer when down to their final out, only to lose in the opponent's next at-bat.

Aug. 3 Seeking his first victory after 12 starts in the month of August since joining the Yankees in 2009, A.J. Burnett fails again despite being staked to a 13–1 lead.

Aug. 6 A Fenway Park beer vendor spills his tray over a wall near the Yankees dugout, scattering cans onto the field.

Aug. 7 The Pirates become the first team since the 1885 Buffalo Bisons to lose at least seven games in a winless homestand entirely against opponents who have a losing record.

Aug. 12 CC Sabathia and Carlos Zambrano both allow five home runs, which has befallen two pitchers on the same day only one other time.

Aug. 14 Although it had never happened before Brandon League did it in 2010, a pitcher (Arodys Vizcaino) logs this counterintuitive boxscore line — IP-0.2, R-0, H-0, BB-0, SO-3 — for a second straight season.

Aug. 15 Only 22 teams are in action, but the slate features a 600th home run (Jim Thome), a 300th save (Jason Isringhausen), a 2,000th game managed (Jack McKeon), a triple play and a pair of two-out walk-offs.

Aug. 17 The Rays complete a three-game series at Fenway in which they pitch a three-hitter in each.

Aug. 22 Matt Holliday is forced out of a game when a moth becomes lodged in his ear.

Aug. 25 Arizona catcher Miguel Montero, thinking the game is over, thanks the ump and walks to the mound to congratulate his pitcher at the end of the eighth inning.

Sept. 1 Two crime-scene body outlines appear between third base and home in Milwaukee, where Ryan Braun fell twice the previous night trying for an inside-the-park homer.

Sept. 6 Due to rain in New York, the Orioles-Yankees tilt begins at 11:08 pm and ends at 2:15 am.

Sept. 8 The Braves and Mets start four rookie pitchers in their doubleheader.

Sept. 10 Rockies rookie Alex White becomes the 10th pitcher to get a win despite allowing at least five home runs.

Sept. 10 In appearances a week apart, Texas' Yoshinori Tateyama becomes the second pitcher in history to allow a grand slam to two straight batters.

Sept. 11 Victor Martinez is the first player since Joe Torre in 1975 to hit into four double plays in one game.

Sept. 19 Justin Upton cranks almost certainly the first home run ever that survives both a broken bat and a video review.

Sept. 25 Under the assumption it was an inside-the-park home run for Esteban German, fireworks explode at Rangers Ballpark. Moments later, the play is scored a sacrifice fly and a four-base error.

Sept. 27 To conclude his season 8–0, Micah Owings becomes the first pitcher in NL history to "earn" a victory despite allowing five runs in an appearance of one inning or less.

Oct. 4 A 97-year-old Milwaukee man calls "911" because he wants to watch the Brewers-Diamondbacks NLDS matchup but can't find his TV remote. (The police respond and find it.)

Oct. 5 Randy Wolf (3.69 ERA, .266 OPP AVG in 33 starts) opposes Joe Saunders (3.69 ERA, .266 OPP AVG in 33 starts) in an NLDS game.

the Weird

OCCURRENCES FROM THE 2011 SEASON

July 2 Detroit's Don Kelly goes behind the plate in the fourth inning to become the sole active player to have manned all nine positions in his career.

July 3 Cliff Lee's streak of 49 innings without allowing a home run explodes when he surrenders three in a span of five Toronto batters.

July 5 Because he'd lost a wager with a reporter on whom would win the NBA Finals, Mike Napoli's walk-up music includes "Man, I Feel Like A Woman" and "Do You Really Want to Hurt Me?"

July 7 Craig Kimbrel sets the MLB rookie record for pre-All-Star Game saves (27), with support from Freddie Freeman and Jason Heyward, who become the first pair of 21-year-old teammates in 24 years to homer in the same game.

July 9 After being no-hit by five Padres pitchers through 8.2 innings, the Dodgers put a double and single back-to-back to muster a 1–0 walk-off win.

July 9 Derek Jeter's 3,000th hit is a solo home run off David Price, whose first hit allowed in the majors was a solo home run to Jeter.

July 14 Prince Fielder, deciding he needs sunglasses in the middle of an inning, calls time and borrows a pair from a fan.

July 15 Ben Revere stumbles between second and third base, does a full somersault and slides in head-first with a triple.

July 15 Jake Westbrook's first post-All-Star Game start is against the same team — the Reds — as his last start before it. Chris Heisey leads off each with a home run.

July 20 Arizona's Stephen Drew breaks his ankle and Milwaukee's Carlos Gomez breaks his collarbone on consecutive plays at Chase Field.

July 26 Jonathan Niese picks up a win after allowing five earned runs, while opposing starter Johnny Cueto is charged with six unearned runs and the loss.

July 26 Chone Figgins bounces into a force play to end David Robertson's streak of having struck out 10 consecutive batters with the bases loaded.

July 28 The A's hit for a "natural cycle," as their third through sixth batters in the first crack a single, double, triple and homer in that order.

Mailing It In

Only twice since 1901 has a team put up at least three runs in each of the first five innings of a game, and in each, the Rangers were involved. Oakland laid the lumber to them in 1991, then last July 25, Texas tattooed the Twins, 20-6, with five straight crooked numbers.

The Elias Sports Bureau spotted another coincidence: This was just the third instance of a team fielding seven starters with at least three hits in a game, and the Athletics were the opponents in the previous two. The Yankees, on June 28, 1939, were the first. When the White Sox followed on April 23, 1955, they got a trio of knocks from pitcher Jack Harshman, but not Hall of Famers Nellie Fox and George Kell. The 2011 Rangers had a great chance to set the record with eight, but reigning MVP Josh Hamilton was removed in the sixth inning with two hits in his back pocket.

Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire coped with the carnage the only way he could — wittily. “The first five innings looked like a zip code...33354,” he noticed. “I think that’s Florida...Fort Lauderdale.” Perhaps as astonishing as the feat itself, Gardy was correct.

Here’s Something You Don’t See Everyday

How many players have had exactly three doubles, one triple and four runs scored in a game? According to Baseball-Reference.com, whose database goes back 93 years, just one: Ben Zobrist last June 11. How many pitchers have made a start of exactly seven scoreless innings in which they walked five batters but struck out zilch? Just one: Vin Mazzaro on June 12.

Maiden Journey

There’s a first time for everything, and for the Rays on June 8, everything happened at the same time.

They scored their first run of the game against the Angels on Reid Brignac’s first home run of the year. They tallied next when Justin Ruggiano’s first double gave him the first three-game hitting streak of his career. With the game tied 3-3 in the 10th, John Jaso executed the first third base steal of his major league life with his first swipe of any kind of 2011, and promptly scored on the first squeeze bunt of Brignac’s career.

And so ended the first-ever Rays sweep of a series in Anaheim.

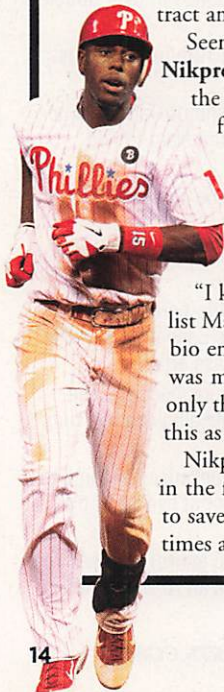
I’ll Have My People Call Your People

Just when the quaint but traumatic tradition of a guy asking a girl out on a date has gone the way of internet matchmaking, sexting and making friends with benefits comes this new way of hooking up. All you need is an agent, a professional sports contract and a 6’6”, 230-pound physique. A few home runs wouldn’t hurt.

Seems **John Mayberry** was smitten by Albanian actress **Antoinette Nikprelaj** after watching her play a meagerly clad mermaid in “Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides.” Exercising the privilege of modest fame and semi-fortune, the Phillies outfielder asked his reps at Creative Artists Agency to arrange some face time. The letter (obtained by the *New York Post*) sent by CAA to Nikprelaj’s peeps at Innovative Artists dropped the names of several of its more-recognizable-than-Mayberry clients, and claimed embarrassment “to say the least” in making the request for a connection with the hottie.

“I know you’re not a dating or set-up service,” it read, but proceeded to list Mayberry’s desirables, such as his Stanford education and humility (full bio enclosed). It concluded with an unintentionally comic disclaimer that was meant to assert that CAA is not really pimping, but one that proved only that its author failed sixth-grade composition: “Thanks for considering this as you know how this business is and servicing clients.”

Nikprelaj, who is married and has a 5-year-old daughter, is set to appear in the flick “Star 23,” in which she plays a scientist traveling through time to save the world from nuclear annihilation. Mayberry is set to appear four times a week off the Phillies bench. Ahh, life on the C-List.



Pen Pal Gone Bad

Even the precious few Mets players with actual tools no longer had anywhere to store them.

After the 2011 club lost 13 of its first 18 games, someone had to go, and the first to pay the price was "Stanley," the rolling black-and-yellow toolbox that had become the team's mascot. The edict came directly from the big boss — COO Jeff Wilpon, who ordered him banished from Citi Field.

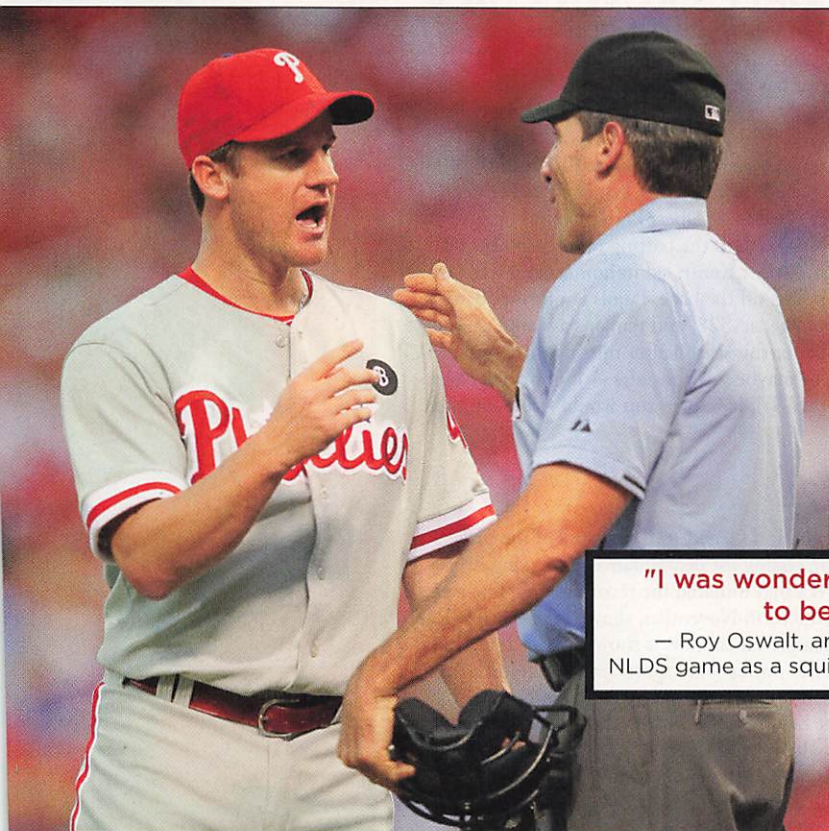
Solemnly, the relief pitchers who depended on Stan to store their stuff, emptied him of munchies, grooming implements, stationary supplies and what *The New York Times* described as the "odd toy." And into the belly of the beast went swatches of clothing and pieces of equipment marshaled by pitching coach Dan Warthen, who felt the hardware gods needed a sacrifice. And then, with heavy hearts, the players rolled Stanley into a secluded room of the clubhouse, where they beat him to a pulp with baseball bats.

But just when it seemed things could get no gloomier, Pedro Beato appeared with a new companion, prepped to take Stanley's place as repository of pen paraphernalia: an adorable pink backpack. The circle of life in the bullpen had been joined.

The Pitching's So Dim I Gotta Wear Shades

It was at Rangers Ballpark last June 21 that the Guinness world record for most people wearing sunglasses in the dark was shattered by a margin of approximately 30,000. Fans could have used some of those specs at three other stadiums, where they had to avert their eyes from pitching conflagrations of record proportions that very day.

In San Francisco, Madison Bumgarner served the Twins a record-tying eight straight hits to begin the game and, in the process, became the first Giant ever to allow eight runs in a start of less than two-thirds of an inning. Meanwhile in Miami, Javier Vazquez was marginally better (but considerably luckier) as he became just the third pitcher of the modern era to surrender 10 hits, but no runs, in a start of less than six innings. And up at Fenway, Alfredo Aceves was walking five consecutive Padres in a single inning — something no other Red Sox hurler had ever "accomplished."



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The MOST INTERESTING MEN in the WORLD

Random ruminations from the men who make baseball what it is



"I was average height until, oh, about kindergarten."

— 5'7" Royals reliever Tim Collins

"Thanks for peeing on the toilet seat."

— Text from Mat Gamel's wife, read by the Brewers first baseman to his teammates in the locker room

"I'm disappointed in my skin."

— Derek Lowe, after pitching six no-hit innings then being removed after allowing two safeties due to a foot blister

"Jason Bay is averaging 10.3 home runs per at-bat at Minute Maid Park. Sammy Sosa is the only player with a better average with 9.9 homers for each at-bat."

— STATS LLC/Associated Press game story following the Mets-Astros contest of May 15

"Some of the plays didn't go my way."

— Vin Mazzaro, after becoming the first pitcher since 1900 to allow 14 earned runs in an outing of less than three innings.

"There's no greater tool than my dad."

— Dante Bichette Jr., asked about his tools after being the first draft pick of the Yankees

"I left a small village on base."

— Scott Rolen, after stranding nine men his first four at-bats of a game

"It's a good thought, but I do not need to see it."

— Rays manager Joe Maddon, when injured pitcher Alex Cobb said he was considering keeping the rib he had removed and displaying it in his locker

"I was wondering what size of animal it needed to be for it not to be a pitch."

— Roy Oswalt, arguing unsuccessfully that a ball he threw in an NLDS game as a squirrel darted in front of him should be a do-over

"It's a five-letter word: S-T-R-I-K-E."

— Tim McCarver, after a key strikeout in the World Series

15 Things to Watch in 2012

by Tyler Kepner

1 MIAMI MAKEOVER

Forget everything you knew about the Florida Marlins. Forget the name, forget the teal, forget the parade of managers, forget the outdoor football stadium and forget the stingy payroll. Welcome the Miami Marlins, rebranded to represent their city, with a zany color scheme of orange, yellow, blue, black and silver, the irascible **Ozzie Guillen** as manager, a retractable-roof ballpark with fish tanks behind the on-deck circles — and a whole lot of money to spend on players. The Marlins snagged NL batting champion Jose Reyes from the Mets with a six-year, \$106 million contract. They also swiped a three-time All-Star closer, Heath Bell, from the Padres for three years and \$27 million, and workhorse lefty starter Mark Buehrle from the White Sox for four years and \$58 million. Those players join the existing cornerstones, Hanley Ramirez and Josh Johnson, and a young core that includes Mike Stanton, who might be the game's best young power hitter. The Marlins need Ramirez to make a smooth — and happy — transition from short to third, and Johnson, their ace starter, must recover from his shoulder injury. The Marlins are banking big on their fans supporting a team with the dubious history of slashing payroll after winning championships. But give the Marlins credit: They're all in, and they will demand our attention for the first time in years.



2 TRIPLE CROWN CHASE

Last season marked the 70th anniversary of Ted Williams' fabled .406 batting average in 1941. No player has cracked .400 since then, and maybe nobody ever will. This season marks 45 years since another Boston left fielder, Carl Yastrzemski, won the Triple Crown, leading his league in average, homers and RBIs in the same season. Nobody has matched the feat since, but lately, we've been coming pretty close. The Cardinals' Albert Pujols led in homers and RBIs in 2010 while finishing sixth in the batting race, 24 points behind the leader. Last season, the Dodgers' **Matt Kemp** led in homers and RBIs while finishing third in the batting race, 13 points off the pace. Pujols is a former batting champ who leads all active players in career average, at .328, and remains a strong candidate to do it. So does Kemp, who vowed to be even better this season after missing out on the MVP award. Maybe one will spoil the other's chances, or maybe someone else — Joey Votto? Robinson Cano? Adrian Gonzalez? — will rise. A sustained Triple Crown run would make for fascinating daily drama in the season's final month.

3 HIGH TESTING

In past labor agreements, Donald Fehr and Gene Orza, directors of the players' union, took an obstructionist stance on testing for performance-enhancing drugs, contributing to the shameful steroids era that mutated the record books. The new collective bargaining agreement, announced in November, showed the sensible leadership of the new union director, Michael Weiner. Players showed their desire for a cleaner game by becoming the first major professional sports league in North America to agree to blood testing for human growth hormone. Testing will begin in spring training, and a player's first positive test will carry a 50-game ban. Mike Jacobs — the Mets' Opening Day cleanup hitter in 2010 — tested positive last year, when the program was instituted in the minor leagues. Baseball is treading cautiously at first, with no regular-season testing in 2012, but after testing again next offseason, owners and players will decide how to proceed. Here's hoping they continue to do the right thing.



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PUJOLS AND THE ANGELS

Once upon a time, it wouldn't have mattered much if the Angels missed the playoffs two years in a row. Heck, after their agonizing choke on the brink of the 1986 World Series, it took 16 years to return to the October stage — a desolate stretch that encompassed four uniform styles, including the regrettable periwinkle era.

But these are not your father's Angels. Or your California or Anaheim Angels, for that matter. These are **Arte Moreno's** Angels — the Orange County team that brashly calls "Los Angeles" home, and plans to keep dominating the SoCal market for years to come.

Moreno made sure of that on Dec. 8 by lavishing \$254 million for 10 years on **Albert Pujols**, baseball's preeminent slugger. That same day, Moreno also dropped \$77.5 million for five years to snag All-Star lefty **C.J. Wilson**.

Just like that, Moreno altered the landscape for the Angels and three other teams: The World Series champion Cardinals lost their centerpiece in Pujols; the two-time American League champion

Texas Rangers lost their No. 1 starter in Wilson; and the Dodgers lost ground in the turf war for L.A.-area baseball fans. There's a "For Sale" sign outside Dodger Stadium, but there's a party going on at The Big A.

The Angels still have flaws, with three key hitters — Bobby Abreu, Torii Hunter and Vernon Wells — past their primes. But young speedster Peter Bourjos, Rookie of the Year runner-up Mark Trumbo (who will obviously shift off first base) and new catcher Chris Iannetta add depth to the order, and Wells says everyone should benefit from Pujols' presence.

"If you hit in front of him, there's a chance you're going to see more pitches to hit," Wells said on the day Pujols signed. "And if you hit behind him, he's going to be on base all the time. It's a fun addition to the lineup."

The Angels are counting on Pujols to boost television revenues while leading them back to the World Series for the first time in 10 years. With Wilson joining the talented trio of Jered Weaver, Dan Haren and Ervin Santana atop the rotation, manager Mike Scioscia should have the pieces to get it done.

5 DREAD PIRATE

We'll say it. The breakout sensation of 2012 just might be a Pittsburgh Pirate. At 25, **Andrew McCutchen** is about to take off. He has all the makings of a superstar, with speed, power, superior defensive ability, and plate discipline. His on-base percentage has been .364 or .365 in each of his three seasons, and last year he ripped 23 homers, helping the Pirates land in first place after the All-Star break. He is an essential building block for the Pirates, who need Pedro Alvarez, Neil Walker and Jose Tabata to continue to grow. The Pirates, who have spent lavishly on draft choices recently, also need to make a statement that they can retain one of their core players for the long-term. All around them, National League rivals are signing young, franchise players to long-term deals: Arizona with Justin Upton, Milwaukee with Ryan Braun, Colorado with Troy Tulowitzki. McCutchen has proved he is a keeper in Pittsburgh. The Pirates should reward him by committing to build around him as they seek their first winning season in 20 years.

6 WILL DODGER FANS RETURN?

As the 2009 NLCS started, the Dodgers were coming off a regular season in which they drew more than 46,000 fans per game and won the NL West for the second year in a row. That was when news broke that owner Frank McCourt and his wife, Jamie, were divorcing. Two years of wrangling produced an unseemly stream of details of McCourt's finances, including his habit of using money from the team to fund a lavish lifestyle. The team's fortunes sank — 80 wins in 2010, 82 wins in 2011 — and attendance plummeted by more than 10,000 fans per game in two years. The Dodgers finished sixth in the league in attendance, only the second time since 1918 that the franchise had finished so low. But with Cy Young winner Clayton Kershaw and MVP runner-up Matt Kemp, the Dodgers at least offer two compelling reasons to watch. Now, with McCourt having finally agreed to sell the team, perhaps fans will fill some of those oddly empty seats at Chavez Ravine. Then again, with that meager lineup around Kemp, maybe not...

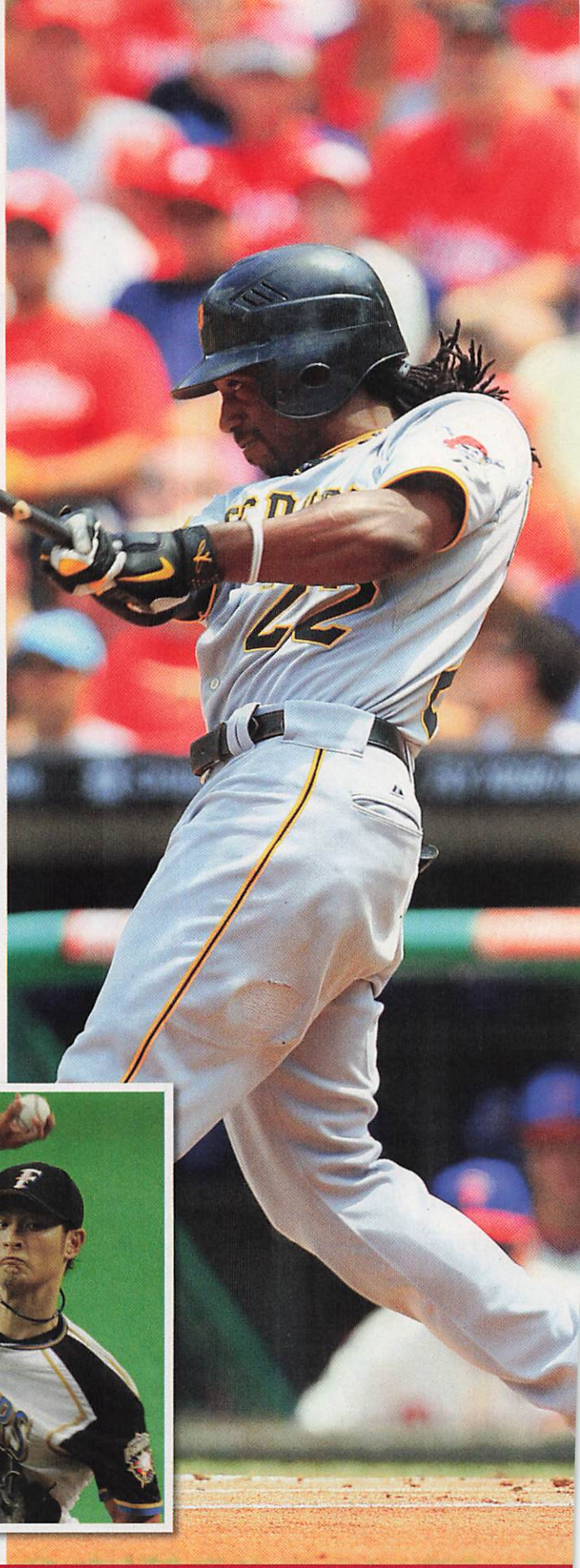
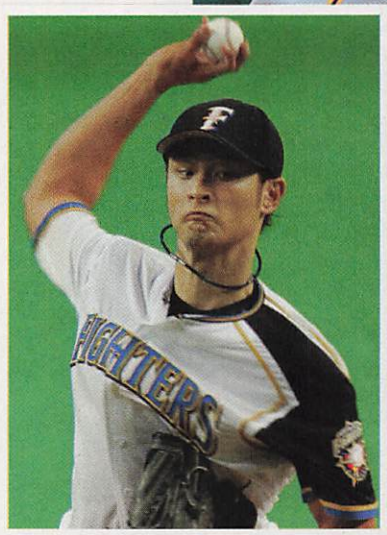
7 NICE TO SEE YU

Yu Darvish will be a mystery to most major league hitters, but a few people in uniform have seen the new Texas ace in action. And they have no doubt how he will perform as a Rangers rookie this season. "Six-foot-six, power arm, picks it up when he's in trouble, power slider, great split," says Mets manager Terry Collins, who managed against Darvish in Japan. "He's got it all. He's got it all. If he's healthy, he's going to have a great career here."

The Rangers spent \$51.7 million for the negotiating rights to Darvish, the star righthander of the Nippon Ham Fighters. Then the Rangers took it right to the Jan. 18 deadline before signing him to a six-year, \$60 million contract. Darvish improves a rotation that was already strong enough to get the Rangers within a strike of the 2011 World Series title.

Darvish was 93–38 with a 1.99 ERA over seven seasons in Japan. He went 18–6 with a 1.44 ERA last year, with 276 strikeouts. We have seen aces from Japan fizzle in the majors before, most famously Hideki Irabu and Kei Igawa of the Yankees. Boston's Daisuke Matsuzaka, after an initial burst of success in 2007 and 2008, has staggered through the last few seasons at Fenway.

But Darvish, at 25 years old, seems to have more polish and potential than any of them. At least, that's the Rangers' \$111.7 million (combine the posting and contract numbers) gamble.



8 CAN EVERYTHING BREAK RIGHT FOR THE INDIANS?

The Indians won 30 of their first 45 games last season, sprinting to a seven-game lead in the AL Central. Winding up two games under .500, and 15 behind the champion Tigers, marked just another sad chapter in the Indians' tale of woe. Maybe they overachieved early, but the Tribe should have hope for 2012. As usual, they are not deep and must avoid injuries. But if they can do that, the Indians could push Detroit. Shin-Soo Choo, Grady Sizemore and Travis Hafner all played fewer than 100 games last season; what if they stay strong and productive? What if the heralded Jason Kipnis, another injury casualty, is the answer at second base? Can Lonnie Chisenhall's minor league power make him a productive third baseman in Cleveland? Can veteran righty Derek Lowe generate ground balls the way he used to? And, most important, can **Ubaldo Jimenez** be the ace the Indians acquired him to be? There are plenty of questions, and it would be unlike the Indians for all of them to be answered the right way. But it just might happen.

9 TIM MCCARVER AT COOPERSTOWN

Baseball is filled with men who serve the game with dignity and honor for a lifetime but don't wind up in Cooperstown. Dave Duncan — first a major league catcher, then a longtime, successful pitching coach — comes to mind. So does Gil Hodges, a terrific player and the manager of the 1969 Miracle Mets.

So it's nice when a baseball lifer winds up in the Hall of Fame, even if it's not with a bronze plaque. Tim McCarver will not technically be a member of the Hall of Fame when he accepts the Ford C. Frick Award this July, but the Hall presents the award, and he'll get to make a speech in Cooperstown. For the rest of his life, people can use "Hall of Fame broadcaster" as an adjective. And that's pretty sweet.

McCarver has his detractors, to be sure. But this is a man who loves baseball with the same kind of passion at age 70 as he did as a rookie for the 1959 St. Louis Cardinals, when he was 17 years old. McCarver's playing career touched on four decades, stretching to 1980. He was a catcher nimble enough to lead his league in triples, clutch enough to hit .311 in three World Series, and trusted enough to be the on-field guru for the great Steve Carlton.

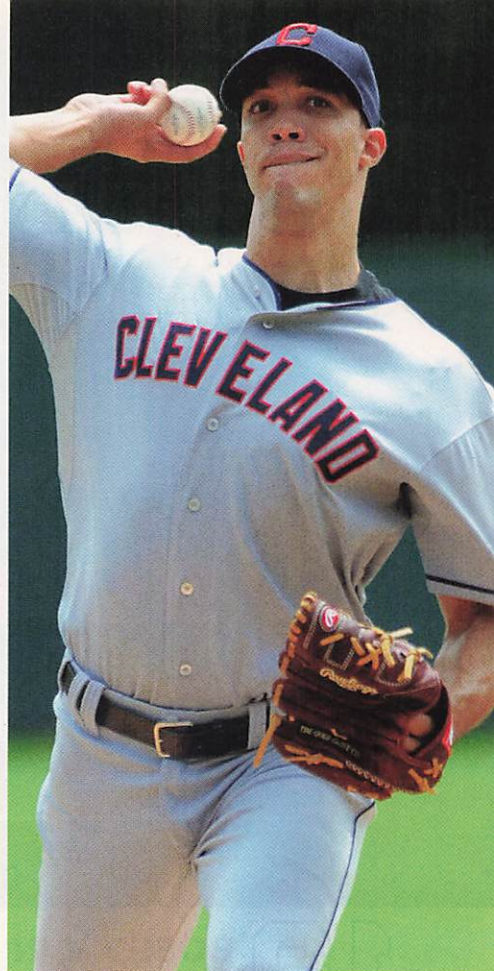
In 1980, McCarver ended his playing career in the Phillies' regular-season finale and jumped into their broadcast booth the very next game, for the playoffs. He has never left the microphone, working for the Phils, the Mets, the Yankees and the Giants, and serving as the lead analyst on national telecasts for ABC, CBS and FOX since the 1980s. His speech this July — with that familiar, comforting Memphis twang, and decades' worth of rich stories — should be a real treat.

10 MATT MOORE AND THE RAYS

The Tampa Bay Rays won only one postseason game last fall, and it belonged to lefty Matt Moore, who was making only the second start of his major league career. Moore worked seven shutout innings in Game 1 of the division series at Texas, offering a tantalizing glimpse into the future for a team that continues to churn out quality arms from its farm system. Moore's arm, though, was not supposed to be this electric. David Price was the No. 1 overall pick for the Rays in the 2007 draft, and Moore was chosen 244 picks later, in the eighth round. He logged nearly 500 innings in the minors, with 700 strikeouts and a 2.64 ERA. In five major league games, including the playoffs, he has a 1.86 ERA and 23 strikeouts in 19.1 innings. Moore, 22, should team with Price, AL Rookie of the Year Jeremy Hellickson and others to keep the plucky Rays in contention for their fourth playoff spot in five seasons. Tampa Bay signed Moore to a five-year, \$14 million contract in December, ensuring that the 6'2" lefty will be around for the foreseeable future.

11 ROOKIE MANAGERS IN CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS

The White Sox and the Cardinals both needed replacements for well-known managers with championship rings. Both teams turned to popular former players who know the organizations — but who come without a single day of managerial experience. Robin Ventura replaces Ozzie Guillen with the White Sox, and **Mike Matheny** takes over for Tony La Russa with the Cardinals. Ventura is low-key and even-tempered, pretty much the opposite of the feisty Guillen, who left for the Marlins. And while Matheny was known as a smart player with solid leadership qualities, there is only one La Russa. Both new managers have strong advocates in the front office, with Chicago's Kenny Williams grooming Ventura by bringing him into the organization as a player-development advisor, and St. Louis' John Mozeliak hiring Matheny in a similar role in 2009. Expect Ventura to have an easier time because of lower expectations for the downsizing White Sox; the Cardinals are coming off a championship, and Matheny must compete for another right away — without Albert Pujols.



15 Things to Watch in 2012



12 BOBBY V IN BOSTON

No team in baseball is scrutinized as much as the Boston Red Sox, the only team in a town that stresses over every detail of the Olde Towne Team. In Bobby Valentine, the Fenway faithful may have met their match. Valentine is a master of details, a brilliant strategist with sometimes unorthodox theories and methods — and layers of subtext to everything he does and says. For an aggressive media market, he's a dream. Valentine takes the focus off a Red Sox clubhouse trying to shake an epic September collapse and puts it squarely on himself. It's not a comfortable spot for most managers, but it is for Valentine, whose irreverence should keep the players at rapt attention. Valentine has never taken over a team as talented as the Red Sox, and the idea of using Fenway as a laboratory for his fertile mind is enthralling. Love him or loath him, you just can't ignore Bobby V.

13 RANGERS' RECOVERY

In the fateful sixth game of the World Series last fall, the Texas Rangers twice fell one strike short of a championship. The St. Louis Cardinals rallied in the ninth inning and again in the 10th, before winning on David Freese's homer in the 11th and taking Game 7 the next night. This year, the Rangers will show if there is lingering psychic damage from such a painful near-miss. The closer who blew the lead in the ninth, Neftali Feliz, has shifted to the rotation, and middle man Scott Feldman, who failed in the 10th, is unlikely to face much late-inning pressure. But the Rangers' core players must prove they can withstand the devastation of the loss, which followed a five-game defeat to the San Francisco Giants in the 2010 World Series. No team has lost two World Series in a row and returned for a third consecutive try since the 1923 Yankees. But the Rangers are still loaded with talent, and those Yankees, after all, turned out to be quite good for a very long time.

14 FEELING A DRAFT

Changing the draft was critical to the owners in the new collective bargaining agreement. Teams now face spending limits for bonuses, with severe penalties for exceeding a predetermined pool of money. Some scouts and agents — notably Scott Boras — worry that the bonus restrictions will drive more two-way athletes to football or basketball. Others in the game see benefits to a more structured system that tamps down pre-draft side deals and, in theory, dictates that the best amateur players will go to the worst teams. The concept of a worldwide draft, including players from outside the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico, is also under consideration. One thing is certain: With the signing deadline for drafted players moved up by a month, to mid-July, new signees should all be able to start their professional careers in the season in which they are drafted. What a concept.

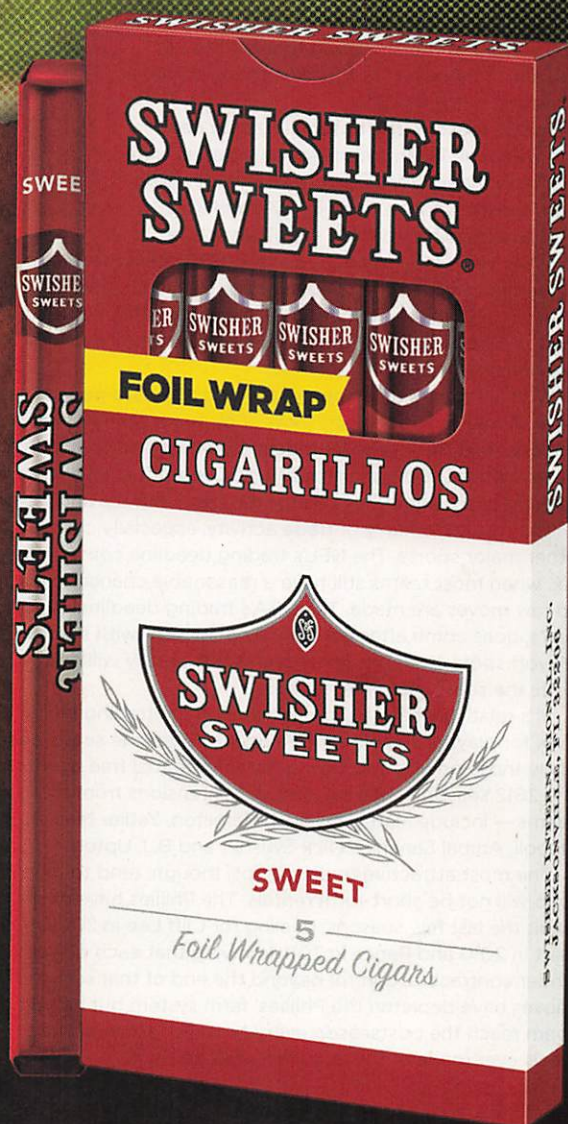
15 CLOSING TIME?

Over the offseason, Mariano Rivera's age finally caught up to his uniform number: 42. When Rivera retires, he will be the last player to wear the number, which was retired throughout baseball in 1997, except for players who were wearing it at the time, to honor Jackie Robinson. That was Rivera's first season as the Yankees' closer, and he has maintained an exceptionally high level of performance ever since. Rivera passed Trevor Hoffman as the career saves leader last season, and he enters 2012 with 603. But Rivera is unsigned for 2013, and he has made no commitment to continue. Hoffman's storied career ended with a thud, as he lost his closing job in his final season as a Brewer in 2010. Rivera can avoid a similarly humbling fate with one final, glittering season. If he walks away — following the retirement of Andy Pettitte after the 2010 season and the Yankees' parting with Jorge Posada after last season — Rivera would leave Derek Jeter as the final link to the dynasty of the Joe Torre years.



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TRADING

FRENZY

by Tyler Kepner

As his team began its championship sprint through the post-season last fall, Tony La Russa made a candid acknowledgement about his St. Louis Cardinals.

"We got to the end of July and we had a real shot, and we were not going to make it with the club we had," said La Russa, now the former Cardinals manager, before the playoff opener. "I'm just telling you. In fact, we probably would have finished under .500, very possibly."

On July 27, four days before the deadline to make trades without waivers, the Cardinals engineered a three-team, nine-player deal with the Chicago White Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays. Pitchers Octavio Dotel, Edwin Jackson and Marc Rzepczynski came to St. Louis, which stumbled through August before a successful September blitz made possible, largely, by the fortified pitching staff.

At each step through October, the Cardinals met another team that improved itself during the season — Philadelphia with Hunter Pence; Milwaukee with Francisco Rodriguez; Texas with Mike Adams. More and more over the past decade, teams have looked to tighten their rosters in the summer, meaning that the rosters you see in these pages figure to change quite a bit within a few months.

For 63 seasons, the baseball trading deadline was June 15, and some notable trades were made on that day, including Tom Seaver going from the Mets to the Reds in 1977, and Keith Hernandez going from the Cardinals to the Mets six years later. A change in the 1985 collective bargaining agreement pushed the deadline back to July 31, giving teams more time to make evaluations. Players can still be traded in August and be eligible for the postseason, but they must clear waivers first.

With so many games before the end of July, a general manager should have a realistic view of his team's playoff chances by the deadline. For non-contenders, trades offer a chance to cut payroll while building for the future. Contenders, of course, are seeking every edge they can for the pennant race and beyond.

The result is a flurry of trade activity, especially compared to other major sports. The NFL's trading deadline comes after week six, when most teams still have a reasonable chance to contend, so few moves are made. The NBA's trading deadline, like baseball's, does come after the halfway point. But with so many more playoff spots available, fewer teams are usually willing to concede the season and make deals.

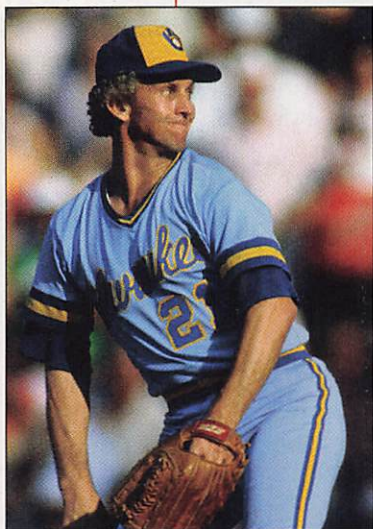
It's relatively easy to spot players on the trading block: Simply look for players eligible for free agency after the season, especially those on also-ran teams. Some potential free agents after the 2012 season — barring contract extensions from their current teams — include Matt Cain, Josh Hamilton, Yadier Molina, Mike Napoli, Anibal Sanchez, Nick Swisher and B.J. Upton.

The most attractive trading chips, though, tend to be players who will not be short-term rentals. The Phillies have made this a habit the last few seasons, dealing for Cliff Lee in 2009, Roy Oswalt in 2010 and Pence in 2011, knowing that each player was under contractual control beyond the end of that season. Those moves have depleted the Phillies' farm system but helped the team reach the postseason every time. For some of the greatest deals ever made at the deadline, read on:

5 BEST SHORT-TERM DEADLINE DEALS

Aug. 30, 1982: Brewers acquire pitcher Don Sutton (left) from Astros for outfielder Kevin Bass and pitchers Frank DiPino and Mike Madden. Sutton's contribution to the only pennant-winner in Brewers history is often overlooked, possibly because he pitched

poorly in the World Series. But before then, Sutton went 5-1 with a 3.32 ERA in eight starts, including the AL East clincher against Jim Palmer in Baltimore on the final day of the season, and a playoff start against the Angels while facing elimination. Bass and DiPino bounced around the majors for more than a decade, useful players but easily worth trading to produce the most memorable season the Brewers have ever had.



June 3, 1984: Cubs acquire pitcher Rick Sutcliffe (below) from Indians for outfielders Joe Carter and Mel Hall and pitcher Don Schulze. This trade actually helped the Cubs for years, with Sutcliffe logging several strong seasons. But he will always be remembered for the first, in the summer of 1984. The Cubs paid a fair price, parting with a future star in Carter, but the immediate return from Sutcliffe was remarkable — a 16-1 record and a 2.69 ERA in 20

starts. It was good enough to capture the NL Cy Young Award and propel the Cubs to their first postseason appearance since 1945. Sutcliffe won the NLCS opener against the Padres, and even swatted a home run. If only he could have held a 3-0 lead in the final game at San Diego...



July 31, 1993: Blue Jays acquire outfielder Rickey Henderson from Oakland for pitcher Steve Karsay and outfielder Jose Herrera. The record shows that Henderson hit only .215 in

44 games for Toronto, but he made his mark in the World Series, with a .393 on-base percentage against Philadelphia. With his team trailing 14-11 in the eighth inning of Game 4, Henderson smoked a two-out, two-run single off Mitch Williams, and then scored the go-ahead run on a triple by Devon White. In Game 6, Henderson led off the bottom of the ninth with a four-pitch walk against Williams, who was so preoccupied with Henderson's speed that he used a slide-step motion for the first time in his career. The result was a World Series-ending home run by Joe Carter and the Jays' second consecutive championship.

July 28, 1995: Yankees acquire pitcher David Cone from Blue Jays for pitchers Marty Janzen, Jason Jarvis and Mike Gordon. By 1995, Cone had a well-earned reputation as a hired gun, having

5 BEST LONG-TERM DEADLINE DEALS

helped Toronto win the 1992 World Series after a late-season trade from the Mets. Landing back in New York with the Yankees, Cone went 9-2 in 13 starts to bring playoff baseball back to the Bronx for the first time in 14 seasons. He signed a new contract after the season and was a stalwart for all four world championships of the Joe Torre era.



Aug. 30, 2008: Phillies acquire pinch-hitter Matt Stairs (above) from Blue Jays for pitcher Fabio Castro. Pat Gillick had pulled off the Henderson trade as GM of the Blue Jays, and 15 years later, he made it up to the Phillies with this seemingly minor move. Gillick wanted Stairs for a very specific role — to be a left-handed home run threat off the bench in the late innings. In Game 4 of the NLCS at Dodger Stadium, Stairs came through. With the score tied, 5-5, Stairs greeted closer Jonathan Broxton with a mammoth two-run homer deep into the bleachers, sending the Phillies on their way to a 7-5 victory, a 3-1 series lead, and, one game later, their first pennant since 1993.



June 15, 1964: Cardinals acquire outfielder Lou Brock from Cubs for pitcher Ernie Broglio. At the time, this looked like a steal for the Cubs. Broglio was just 28 years old, with an 18-8 record and 2.99 ERA the previous season. Brock, about to turn 25, had hit .257 in two and a half seasons for the Cubs. His speed was evident — 50 steals in 72 attempts — but there was little in his profile to indicate what would come next. Brock hit .348 for the rest of the 1964 season, leading St. Louis to the first of two World Series championships in the decade. Brock stayed through the 1970s, retiring with 3,023 career hits and, at the time, the career record for stolen bases with 938. Broglio was finished after 1966, undone by elbow problems that led to a 7-19 record and a 5.40 ERA for the Cubs.

Aug. 12, 1987: Braves acquire pitcher John Smoltz (right) from Tigers for pitcher Doyle Alexander.

The 1987 Braves had no need for a 36-year-old Alexander.

They were building for the future, and the Tigers were fighting for a playoff spot.

So the Braves took Smoltz, a former 22nd-round draft pick with a 5.68 ERA at Double-A Glens Falls, in exchange for Alexander. At first, the Tigers were thrilled: Alexander went

9-0 down the stretch to help win the AL East. But by 1989, Smoltz was an All-Star and Alexander was leading the league in losses in his final major league season.

Smoltz became a dominant force in Atlanta — as a starter and later as a closer — in a career that likely will lead him to Cooperstown.

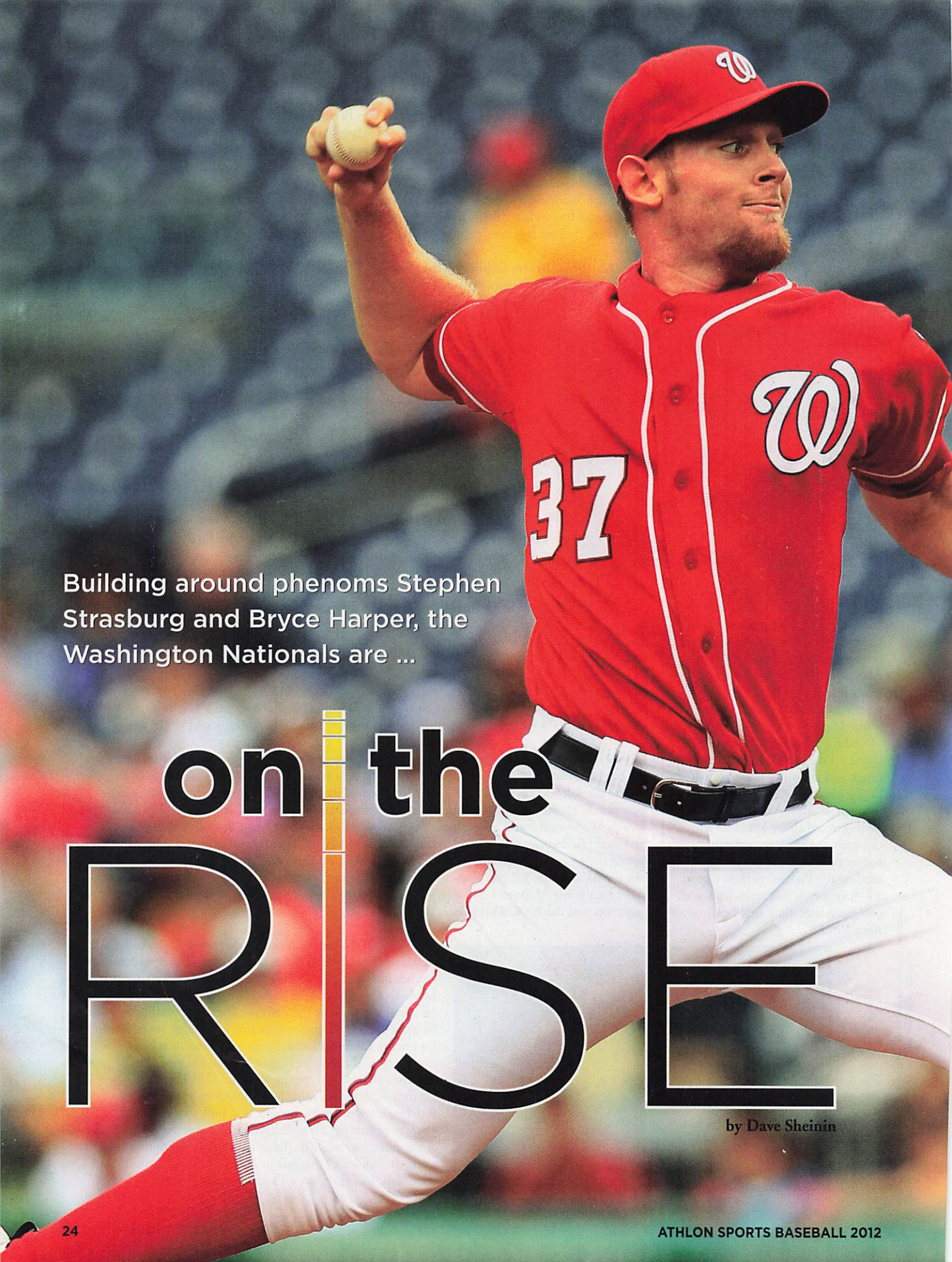


Aug. 30, 1990: Astros acquire third baseman Jeff Bagwell from Red Sox for pitcher Larry Andersen. Bagwell played 136 games at Double-A in 1990, 133 of them at third base. The Red Sox' incumbent at third, Wade Boggs, was bound for the Hall of Fame, and their Triple-A third baseman, Scott Cooper, was next in line at Fenway's hot corner. Even though Bagwell had won the Eastern League batting crown, hitting .333, the Red Sox felt confident shipping him away for Andersen, who strengthened their bullpen. But the Red Sox were swept in the ALCS by Oakland, Andersen left as a free agent, and Bagwell, as a first baseman, won the NL Rookie of the Year award in 1991. He retired in 2005 with 449 home runs and a better OPS than Hank Aaron and Willie Mays.

July 31, 1997: Red Sox acquire pitcher Derek Lowe and catcher Jason Varitek from Mariners for pitcher Heathcliff Slocumb.

The year before, Seattle had quietly traded Darren Bragg to Boston for soft-tossing lefty Jamie Moyer, who would improbably become the franchise leader in victories. With this deal, though, the Mariners more than returned the favor. Legend has it that GM Woody Woodward could have gotten Slocumb for Lowe or Varitek, but instead gave both to the Red Sox. His desperation was understandable, and the Red Sox knew it: The day before, they had buried the Mariners bullpen for six runs, shaving Seattle's division lead to a half-game. Seattle did win the AL West in '97, but Slocumb was gone after the next season, going 2-9 with a 4.97 ERA and 13 saves as a Mariner. Lowe and Varitek, of course, helped carry Boston to multiple playoff appearances and the 2004 World Series title.

July 31, 2007: Rangers acquire shortstop Elvis Andrus (left), pitchers Neftali Feliz, Matt Harrison, Beau Jones, and catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia from Braves for first baseman Mark Teixeira and pitcher Ron Mahay. The Rangers had pulled off a major coup near the deadline seven years earlier, acquiring Michael Young, the future franchise hits leader, from Toronto for pitcher Esteban Loaiza. Yet this deal was even better, because it brought back multiple pieces and helped the Rangers win their first two AL pennants. Texas GM Jon Daniels wisely maximized Teixeira's value by trading him a year and a half before free agency, netting prospects in bulk to increase his chances of landing a star. Saltalamacchia was the biggest name at the time, and while he didn't last long in Arlington, Feliz became the Rookie of the Year in 2010, Andrus a mainstay at shortstop, and Harrison a 14-game winner in 2011.

A full-page photograph of Stephen Strasburg in a red Washington Nationals uniform, number 37, in the middle of a pitching motion. He is wearing a red cap with the Nationals 'W' logo. The background is a blurred stadium crowd.

Building around phenoms Stephen Strasburg and Bryce Harper, the Washington Nationals are ...

on the RISE

by Dave Sheinin



On successive nights in June 2010, the Washington Nationals caught a glimpse of a glorious future. On the first night, they selected Bryce Harper, the preternaturally talented 17-year-old slugger, with the top overall pick of the June draft. On the next, they sent phenom righthander and major league debutant Stephen Strasburg to the mound for what turned into a jaw-dropping, seven-inning, 14-strikeout debut. Outside of winning a championship, it is possible no franchise in recent memory had ever experienced a more exhilarating 48 hours.

Ever since, the Nationals have been counting down the days until the twin orbits of their two precious satellites finally intersect in Washington.

That day — and that glorious future first glimpsed all those months ago — is almost here.

At some point this season, and perhaps as soon as Opening Day, Harper and Strasburg will almost certainly share the field at Nationals Park for the first time, and a huge chunk of the Nationals' master plan will have been completed.

The Nationals are at a high point in their seven-year existence in Washington — coming off an 80–81 season and a third-place finish in 2011, which included a 17–10 September — and are widely viewed as a sleeping giant that could contend for a playoff spot in 2013, if not 2012.

And much of that optimism revolves around Strasburg and Harper, the twin phenoms chosen with the No. 1 overall picks in the 2009 and 2010 drafts, respectively. It was an unprecedented bounty — arguably the best collegiate pitcher in history and the best teenage hitting prospect in history, going to the same franchise in successive drafts. It was like an NBA team getting LeBron

James and Dwight Howard in back-to-back drafts.

And while it took \$25 million to sign them, the Nationals are finally preparing to reap the rewards. By June, if not sooner, Strasburg, 23, could be anchoring a young rotation full of promising arms, while Harper, just 19 years old, could be holding down the starting right field job. They

would be the most visible members of an enviable young core that also includes third baseman Ryan Zimmerman, second baseman Danny Espinosa, catcher Wilson Ramos and pitchers Jordan Zimmermann, Gio Gonzalez and Drew Storen.

"They progressed (in 2011) to the point where there is a lot of excitement for the future," general manager Mike Rizzo said of his young core.

Strasburg, whose sensational 2010 rookie season was cut short by a blown-out elbow that required Tommy John surgery, missed most of the 2011 season while rehabbing. He returned to make five starts in September, posting a 1.50 ERA, gaining confidence with each outing, and showing enough of his old form to convince the Nationals that he'll eventually be as good as new — if not better.

The last of those five 2011 starts came on the season's final day, Sept. 28 at Florida, when Strasburg, at his dominating best, threw six shutout innings, striking out 10 batters and allowing only one flared single. "He's back," manager Davey Johnson declared that day.

"Right now," Strasburg echoed, "I'm pretty much done with the rehab."

That, however, may be only partially true. While the hardest part of Strasburg's recovery is over, he will still be treated with significant care in 2012, with a strict limit on his usage (expected to be around 160 innings). He may never see the eighth inning of a game all season, and the Nationals might pull the plug on his season in August or September. Not until 2013, health permitting, will Strasburg be fully unleashed.

Still, the effect of Strasburg's season-ending gem could not be overstated. The clubhouse practically crackled and popped with electricity after that game. When Rizzo made the rounds with the players, wishing them well on the offseason and telling them he'd see them the following spring training, veteran right fielder Jayson Werth looked at him and replied, "I can't wait."

"We start thinking about 2012 on the plane ride home," Rizzo said.

Strasburg's dominating season finale put an exclamation point on the story of the 2011 season. But it was Harper's development that proved to be the franchise's most significant sign of progress.

Just 18 years old for the duration of the 2011 campaign, Harper spent the year climbing up the minor league ladder, starting at low Class A Hagerstown (Md.), then jumping to Class AA Harrisburg (Pa.). Along the way, he confirmed the pattern he had set in junior college (as well as during a 2010 stint in the Arizona Fall League) — starting off slowly at each level as he adjusted to each higher level of pitching, but catching fire by the end and leaving little doubt as to his ability.

Strasburg: Bruce Schwartzman; Harper: Al Bello/Getty Images

Harper's final combined 2011 numbers — 17 homers, 58 RBIs, 26 stolen bases and a .297/.392/.501 slash-line in 452 plate appearances — were good enough on their own. But add in the fact he was almost always the youngest player on the field, and the performance was nothing short of phenomenal. He also adapted well to playing the outfield, after an amateur career spent mostly at catcher.

The only question remaining for 2012 is how soon the Nationals will bring Harper to the big leagues. And the answer is complicated. Naturally, Johnson — who took over as manager last June after Jim Riggleman abruptly resigned — began lobbying for Harper soon after the end of the 2011 season, saying, "I'm open for him competing for a (roster) spot," and comparing Harper to Dwight Gooden, whom Johnson managed as a 19-year-old rookie with the New York Mets in 1984.

"I think (Harper) is pretty mature," Johnson says. "I don't look at him age-wise like I probably should. But I think he's going to make this spring very interesting. ... It's (a question of), 'Is he the best candidate out there? I mean, is he going to make our club stronger?'"

However, Rizzo has said he would prefer that Harper see every level of the minor leagues before coming to Washington, which would suggest a stop at Class AAA Syracuse at some point in 2012. There is a case to be made that Harper still needs some seasoning — he hit just .167 with one homer in 48 at-bats against left-handers at Harrisburg.

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And there are also financial considerations that should not be overlooked: By delaying Harper's arrival until June, the Nationals could keep him from gaining "Super 2" arbitration eligibility after the 2014 season, potentially saving the franchise millions of dollars. It's fairly standard industry practice, and the Nationals did a similar thing with Strasburg in 2010.

Still, at the very least, Harper is close enough to the big leagues that the Nationals altered their offseason mission slightly, no longer focusing on obtaining a center field/leadoff type — which the team tried unsuccessfully to acquire at the 2011 trade deadline — since Werth could slide fairly seamlessly from right field to center once Harper arrives.

Entering 2012 spring training, Strasburg and Harper had yet to appear on the same lineup card. Once their orbits finally intersect, one thing will become readily apparent about Strasburg and Harper: They are polar opposites in terms of personality. The former is introverted and camera-shy, averse to the media and wary of the public. The latter is extroverted and gregarious, quick with a joke or a soundbite. Strasburg has a standing policy with the media: Do not call his parents. Meantime, Harper's father, Ron — a regular presence at his son's games — knows most of the media members who cover the Nationals on a first-name basis.

"They could not be more different," one Nationals official says of Strasburg and Harper. "It's hard not to notice it."

It hardly matters that the two are not cut from the same cloth. What they share — immense talent and intense competitiveness — is much more important. Strasburg has shown a propensity to dial up an extra few MPH on his fastball after giving up a home run, while Harper's intensity has already gotten him in trouble in the minor leagues — like the time he responded to taunting from an opponent by blowing a kiss to the pitcher during a home run trot.

The Nationals say they aren't bothered by either player's personality quirks. Sure, they might prefer Strasburg to be a little more personable with fans and a little more receptive to his media duties, and they might prefer Harper to be a little less showy and maniacal on the field. But the team also understands that those same quirks probably have a lot to do with why Strasburg and Harper are so good — and thus, nobody is interested in changing them.

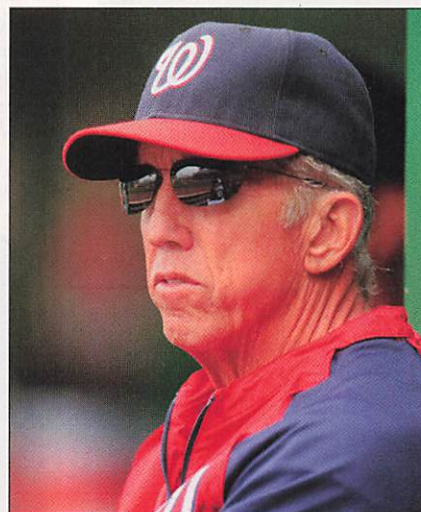
"By no means do we want to take away his aggressiveness," Brian Daubach, Harper's manager at Hagerstown, said of the phenom. "It's much easier to reel someone in than to get a passive player to be that aggressive."

It took back-to-back 100-loss seasons in 2008 and 2009 for the Nationals to earn the successive No. 1 overall picks, and it was pure luck that handed them those picks in years when two of the most talented amateurs in history were available.

But it is by design that the Strasburg/Harper Era is set to arrive at a time when the franchise is on a dramatic upswing. The Nationals improved by 10 wins from 2009 to 2010, then by 11 more in 2011. (It is perhaps best to ignore the fact that, of the previous seven teams to show double-digit improvement in wins in back-to-back seasons, all of them took a step backward in the third year.)

The Nationals appear to be in an enviable position. They are flush with young talent up and down their roster, with more in the minor leagues on the way. They play in a division where the best team, the Philadelphia Phillies, is aging and may soon be seeing the closing of its championship window.

And their deep-pocketed owners have demonstrated a willingness to spend big when the time is right. Principal owner Ted Lerner, a billionaire who made his fortune in real es-



tate, is thought to be the richest owner in baseball, and when he decides to go in on something, he goes all in. In December 2010, Lerner green-lighted the signing of Werth to an industry-quaking, seven-year \$126 million contract — a deal widely panned by critics as one of the worst in the past few years. And in the summer of 2011, Lerner OK'd significantly over-slot deals for the Nationals' top four draft picks — third baseman Anthony Rendon, righthander Alex Meyer, outfielder Brian Goodwin and lefty Matt Purke — bringing another huge influx of talent.

The Nationals have come a long way in a short time. On the final day of the 2009 season their battery was pitcher J.D. Martin and catcher Josh Bard. Pete Orr played third base and batted third. Their outfield was Jorge Padilla, Justin Maxwell and Elijah Dukes. Somehow, they beat the Braves that day for their 59th win of the season.

But around that same time, Strasburg, already in the fold, was acclimating himself to the humidity at the Florida instructional league, the first baby step of his professional career. And that 103-loss season the Nationals concluded that day put them in position to draft No. 1 again in 2010, when they found Harper waiting for them.

Out of humiliation and defeat came salvation and opportunity. And now, the Nationals are on the rise, with their destination and arrival date to be determined.

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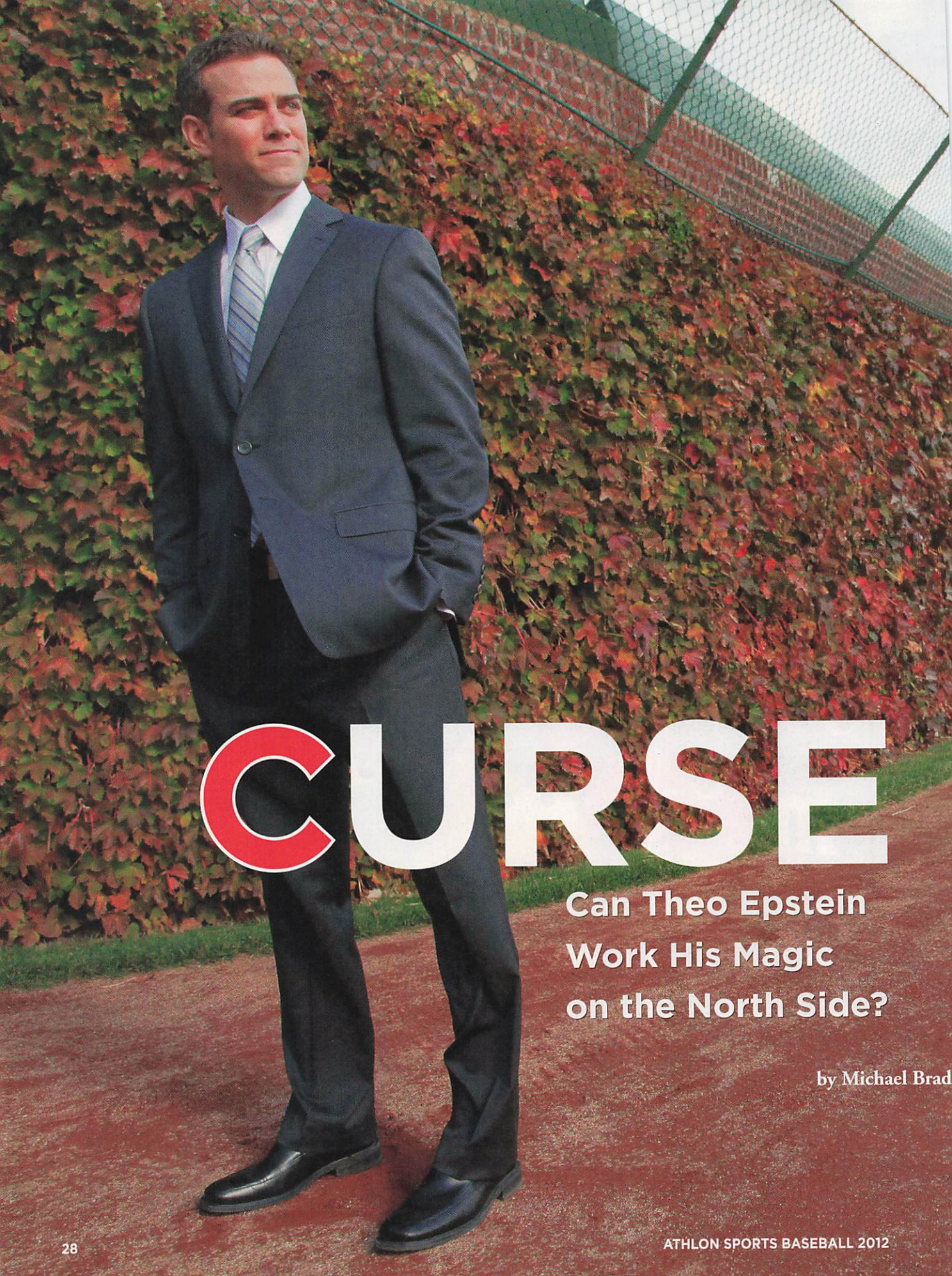


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CURSE

**Can Theo Epstein
Work His Magic
on the North Side?**

by Michael Brad



When Theo Epstein went house-hunting after taking over the Chicago Cubs, he applied the same metrics as he uses to build a baseball club. He decided what he wanted, focused on a specific target and then did what it took to get it. It didn't matter that he paid \$250,000 above asking price for the 7,800-square-foot, five-bedroom home with a four-car garage and home theater, overlooking Lake Michigan. That was what Epstein wanted to do, so he did it.

Cubs fans — and more importantly, players — are learning that Epstein does pretty much everything that way. If it's in the plan, it will get done. If it isn't, well, it won't. That's why Carlos Zambrano won't be throwing temper tantrums at Wrigley Field any more, at least not on a regular basis. (He might throw a glove or kick a Gatorade jug for old time's sake when he comes to town with his new team, the Marlins.) It's why Alfonso Soriano and his casual approach to earning \$18 million per are on notice, and why Aramis Ramirez opted out of the final year of his contract. There isn't just a new boss in town; there's a new philosophy.

Epstein's move to Chicago was among the biggest stories of the 2011-12 offseason, right up there with Albert Pujols' flight to California and the startling revelation that Brewers slugger Ryan Braun had tested positive for homer juice. The man who lifted the Curse of the Bambino in Boston was attempting to end the longest rebuilding project in the history of professional sports by overcoming the Curse of the Billy Goat. Should Epstein accomplish that, he might as well start performing exorcisms.

Cubs Nation may be a bit startled by Epstein's methods, but those who watched him in Boston are quite familiar with his approach. His goal is to build a team capable of reaching the postseason on a regular basis, the better to increase the odds of winning it all. Building for one big season is out. Playing the percentages is in. And that big Moneyball computer from Boston made its way west, too. Epstein and GM Jed Hoyer are going to do it their way, and that means some big changes for a city that wants only one new thing — a World Series championship.

"We're not looking for the lucky hit where you get deep into the playoffs and then you're not a very good club the next season," Epstein says. "We want sustained success. Our fans deserve both. They deserve the long-term building project of the foundation, and they also deserve taking every opportunity to win as a sacred opportunity."

Epstein's philosophy is hardly revolutionary. The Phillies have used it since emerging as a National League powerhouse in 2007. Win enough, and you're bound to get one title, right? Of course, that approach could yield a stretch like what happened in Atlanta from 1995-2005, when the Braves won the NL East 11 times but captured only one Series ('95). But when you haven't won it all since 1908, you're not likely to turn down such prosperity, even if it yields only one title.

BUSTER

by Michael Bradley

Since the Cubs lost 91 games last year and had only one true bright spot — shortstop Starlin Castro — it was easy for Epstein to spend his first few months on the job making dramatic changes. Zambrano is gone. So are Ramirez and Carlos Peña, two big bats on the team. The old Cubs' approach of trying to hit as many homers as possible has been replaced by a lineup that is prone to spraying the ball around. Epstein found that the wind blew out at Wrigley Field only 77 times in the past 162 home games, so he decided to go for on-base percentage over taters. Sound familiar? The Cubs are probably expecting to see Brad Pitt walking around the clubhouse this season.

The usual cast of characters — or at least personality types — is along for the ride. Hoyer, late of the Padres, was with Epstein in Boston when the Sox won their two World Series. New manager Dale Sveum is a hard-nosed competitor who has little experience (16 games as an interim boss with Milwaukee in 2008) but the right approach for new regime. Hustle, work hard, care about the game and your teammates and spit nails when you lose. Sveum is a perfect everyday messenger for Epstein's baseball dogma: It's not about what happens around you; it's what you make of it. And though he won't be too patient with a lack of effort or preparation, Sveum understands that he isn't inheriting a contender. As Epstein says, it's going to take some time.

"There is a significant amount of work to do," Epstein says. "I'm not going to put a timetable on it, but there's a lot to do to get this where we want it to be. We're going to do everything to expedite the process, and not everything we try is going to work, but we will be bold, and we will work hard to get it done."

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Cubs players didn't exactly throw a party when Epstein dealt Zambrano to the Marlins, but they were darn happy to see the volatile pitcher leave town. His meltdown last August after a poor performance against Atlanta featured talk of retirement and led to a suspension that lasted the remainder of the season. Zambrano's unpredictability is exactly what Epstein and Hoyer didn't need on their team. And a measure of exactly how much they didn't want that came when it was revealed that the Cubs would pay a reported \$15.5 of Zambrano's \$18 million 2012 salary just to see his act somewhere else. Chris Volstad, who was 32-39 with a 4.59 ERA during his four years with the Fish — and 5-13 last year — is a fifth starter with nowhere near the potential Zambrano has. But he'll earn only \$2.5 million this year, had a career-high 6.4 strikeouts per nine innings in '11 and has zero potential to be a gigantic distraction. After the trade, Epstein was asked whether he wanted "choir-boys" in his clubhouse. Instead of saying the obvious, that he didn't want sociopaths, Epstein was diplomatic and said he wanted a player who was "a good teammate, who is accountable and somebody his teammates can trust to put the team first."

So what else are Epstein and Hoyer looking for, beyond good character? Their acquisitions reveal a devotion to the Moneyball principles. Homers are less important than on-base percentage. And short-term fixes are not in the plan. Volstad's anti-Zambrano personality is attractive, but so is the fact that he is under club control until after the 2014 season.

Last season, the Cubs defended poorly and were unable to play small ball. By dumping the sluggers in favor of players like outfielder David DeJesus and third baseman Ian Stewart, the Cubs are sacrificing power for younger, more versatile players.

"Adding an athletic element to the team is important as well — being able to have multiple ways to win a game is important," Hoyer says. "You don't want to be all speed or all power, but having a nice blend is something that's important as you build a team, I think, particularly in the National League."

It can be argued that the Cubs have only one truly marketable player on the roster — Castro. But even he needs to change. Though he hit .307 last year and finished with 207 hits en route to an All-Star appearance, Castro made 29 errors, a number that must drop considerably. One would consider that probable for such a young player (he'll turn 22 on March 24), but Castro's trouble isn't only on the field. In early January, reports surfaced that he was involved in an alleged sexual assault in October. Although no charges were filed, the situation was serious enough to make the Cubs pivot hard in their promotional efforts, turning attention away from the shortstop and to Sveum and the team concept.

Epstein and Hoyer refrained from comment on the Castro situation in its immediate wake, but it did give them a chance to reiterate the need to create an organization-wide ethos. To that end, next January, they will have a two-week mentorship program for 12-to-15 of their top prospects that teaches the youngsters how to behave like big-leaguers. It remains consistent with Epstein's desire to build something that lasts, rather than try to fix things quickly and, most likely, temporarily. If that means 2012 is a train wreck, then all aboard.

"We just have to work really hard to figure out what's in (our) best interest (and) be disciplined about that, even if it's unpopular," Epstein says. "Sometimes it will be popular, sometimes it won't. You work towards pleasing the fans every October, because in the end that's what they really want."

If Epstein and Hoyer sound like they think they're smarter than the rest of the baseball world, it's hard to blame them. Not only do they have the résumé to back it up, but they also can assure Cubs fans that nobody in baseball understands the team's plight better than they do.



New manager Dale Sveum (center) is a perfect everyday messenger for the baseball gospel according to Theo Epstein (right, along with Jed Hoyer): It's not about what happens around you; it's what you make of it.

If they were able to create a winner in Boston, where it appeared as if the team came up with a new way to fail every year, they have perhaps the best chance to cure Chicago of its affliction. "They are as close as anybody could have hoped for to having a parallel experience with another franchise," says ESPN baseball analyst Jayson Stark.

Epstein and Hoyer face more than just personnel and behavioral issues in their quest to build a champion. One particular impediment, believe it or not, is Wrigley Field. The Friendly Confines may be iconic, but for purposes of satisfying the needs of the modern player, it is sorely lacking. Stark cites the cramped clubhouse, small indoor batting cage and lack of a plush player lounge as some of the reasons why the Cubs are at a disadvantage when it comes to attracting and retaining players. Add in the number of day games the team plays there — 46 are scheduled so far, with another six game times to be determined, thanks to TV considerations — the cramped North Side residential area that surrounds the stadium and the political Gordian knot that could hamper any expansion or renovation, and the menu of easy solutions shrinks. Epstein has said that he and his management team will "look at everything" when it comes to improving the Cubs, even venerable Wrigley.

Then there is the overall psyche of the team and its fans. Like the Red Sox pre-2004, a sense of doom pervades the community. There have been so many different disappointments over the years that it's hard to expect success. At least Cubs fans can gather optimism about Epstein's and Hoyer's track record. It's not like they built just another team into a title winner. Like Stark says, nobody in baseball has a more appropriate pedigree. If they can spit in the face of the Bambino's curse, then perhaps they can thumb their noses at Bartman and the Billy Goat.

Expect Epstein and Hoyer to exude positive vibes about the historical trouble, but in the end, their combined commitment to building a strong organization and finding players who can win, rather than accumulate statistics, will be more important than overcoming a century-plus of bad luck. "I believe that in order to have success in this game, the foundation has to be scouting and player development," Hoyer says. "There is no shortcut. There is no magic bullet. You have to have a good farm system. You have to have great scouts. (We) believe in that philosophy wholeheartedly."

And now it's time to see if it's stronger than more than a century of failure.



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Heath Bell, Miami Marlins

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Carlos Beltran, St. Louis Cardinals

Contract: 2 years/\$26,000,000

Beltran proved last season that he was still dangerous at the plate when healthy. He batted .378 with six homers in September. The biggest question is how long it will take before Lance Berkman mentions a certain curveball in the 2006 NLCS to his former teammate.

Jonathan Broxton, Kansas City Royals

Contract: 1 year/\$4,000,000

Does Broxton still have something left? We think so. The 300-pounder will spend the first half of the summer setting up for Joakim Soria, then enjoy closing for a contender in the second half.

Mark Buehrle, Miami Marlins

Contract: 4 years/\$58,000,000

Reunited with manager Ozzie Guillen, Buehrle should feel comfortable. Pitching for a paltry \$7,000,000 in 2012 makes him one of the best bargains of the year. The question is whether he will be worth \$19-20 mil in the last two years of the deal. But Buehrle is a winner. Over the past three seasons the White Sox were 17 games over .500 when he started, and 11 games under when he didn't.

Bruce Chen, Kansas City Royals

Contract: 2 years/\$9,000,000

While waiting for rising stars to develop, the Royals dabbled in the lower-tier free agent market. Chen has led the Royals in wins the last two seasons. The Royals are four games up when he starts, and 52 games down when others start. In Chen's 10 no-decisions over two seasons, he left with a lead five times and with the game tied three times.

Michael Cuddyer, Colorado Rockies

Contract: 3 years/\$31,500,000

The only bright spot in Minnesota last season should fit nicely in Colorado. Will play for his 2010 salary (\$10,500,000) for each of the next three years.

Yu Darvish, Texas Rangers

Contract: 6 years/\$60,000,000

Factoring in the posting fee of \$51.7 million, the outlay for Texas is \$111.7 mil. It takes a Cy Young season and at least three more strong years to return equal value — a tall order. But we believe in the judgment of Nolan Ryan and Mike Maddux and expect Yu Magic to be made in Texas.

David DeJesus, Chicago Cubs

Contract: 2 years/\$10,000,000

Your typical \$4.25 million outfielder, DeJesus will earn that much in salary plus a \$1.5 mil buyout if his \$6.5 option isn't picked up for 2014. Expect something like a .272-17-72 line and a breath of fresh air in the clubhouse.

Octavio Dotel, Detroit Tigers

Contract: 1 year/\$3,500,000

Dotel doesn't have closer stuff any longer, but NL MVP Ryan Braun doesn't believe that.

Mark Ellis, Los Angeles Dodgers

Contract: 2 years/\$8,750,000

Ellis won't offer much pop on offense, but he can be a tough out. I would think there's a paragraph in his job description about mentoring young phenom Dee Gordon at short.

Freddy Garcia, New York Yankees

Contract: 1 year/\$4,000,000

Garcia is out to prove 2011 was no fluke.

Alex Gonzalez, Milwaukee Brewers

Contract: 1 year/\$4,250,000

The Brewers were looking for an upgrade at shortstop, and Gonzalez is a proven veteran with a solid glove and some pop in his bat.

Jerry Hairston, Los Angeles Dodgers

Contract: 2 years/\$6,000,000

Over the last three seasons, Hairston has played six positions for five different teams, twice traded to contenders at the deadline. He's averaged 428 plate appearances and hit .254.

Ryan Madson, Cincinnati Reds

Contract: 1 year/\$8,500,000

With Albert Pujols and Prince Fielder out of the division, the NL Central is ripe for the taking. The Reds now have a closer who allowed a meager .593 OPS last season.

Joe Nathan, Texas Rangers

Contract: 2 years/\$14,750,000

Is there enough left in Nathan's rebuilt arm to last two more summers? We think so. After resting for 32 days last May/June, Nathan reeled off 29 impressive appearances with 11 saves, six holds and only one blown save.

Nick Punto, Boston Red Sox

Contract: 2 years/\$3,000,000

Punto immediately helps the Boston clubhouse — and that alone could be worth millions of dollars.

Juan Rivera, Los Angeles Dodgers

Contract: 1 year/\$4,500,000

A frustrated .243 hitter in Toronto last season became a .274-hitting run producer in Los Angeles with 46 RBIs in 62 games.

Grady Sizemore, Cleveland Indians

Contract: 1 year/\$5,000,000

The Indians declined the former All-Star's \$9,000,000 option, then added \$4.5 mil in incentives to this deal, based primarily on plate appearances.

Jim Thome, Philadelphia Phillies

Contract: 1 year/\$1,250,000

The fan favorite is cruising into Cooperstown but will make one more stop in Philly first. With Ryan Howard out at least the first month, Thome should get more ABs early.

Chien-Ming Wang, Washington Nationals

Contract: 1 year/\$4,000,000

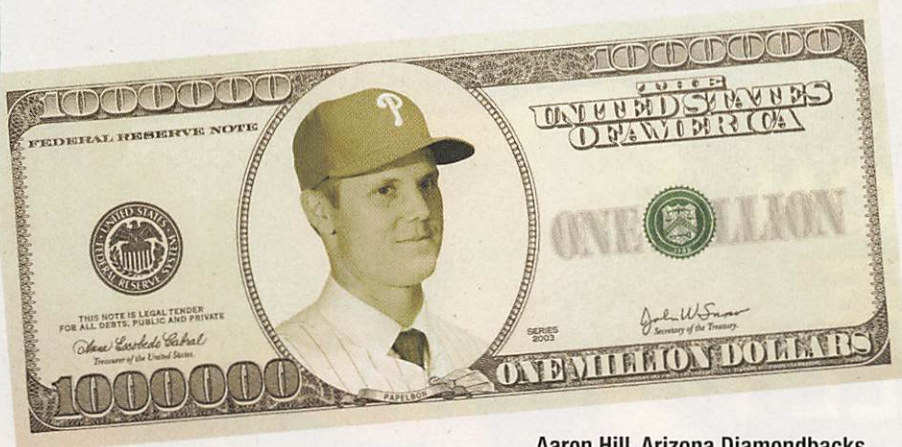
Now fully recovered from injury, Wang allowed a .292 OBP over his last nine starts last season, and the Nats won six of them.

C.J. Wilson, Los Angeles Angels

Contract: 5 years/\$77,500,000

The ace for the two-time American League champion Rangers is now the No. 3 guy in Los Angeles. He'll make only \$21 million over the next two seasons, giving the team some flexibility to sign another hitter for the short term.

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Matt Capps, Minnesota Twins
Contract: 1 year/\$4,750,000

Since becoming a closer in 2007, Capps had converted 85 percent of his opportunities — until 2011, that is, when his closing rate dropped to 63 percent. Red flag.

Jamey Carroll, Minnesota Twins
Contract: 2 years/\$6,500,000

The Twins won't like this deal once they get an up-close view of his range at short.

Coco Crisp, Oakland A's
Contract: 2 years/\$14,000,000

His stolen base numbers are impressive, but he remains a below-average offensive threat with an OPS below the league mean.

Frank Francisco, New York Mets
Contract: 2 years/\$12,000,000

With closers still available, the Mets probably jumped the gun here. The cash outlay is not huge for a closer, but Francisco's OBP allowed has been north of .300 for two seasons.

Rafael Furcal, St. Louis Cardinals
Contract: 2 years/\$14,000,000

Furcal's defense was crucial to the Redbirds' late-season surge in 2011. But that alone is worth no more than \$4 mil a season. He must spark the offense as well to prove his worth.

Aaron Harang, Los Angeles Dodgers
Contract: 2 years/\$12,000,000

The Dodgers were handicapped by off-the-field issues, and as underrated as Harang always seems to be, he isn't worth this investment.

Aaron Hill, Arizona Diamondbacks
Contract: 2 years/\$11,000,000

The D'backs were impressed with Hill's .315 average during his 33-game tenure last season. But we remember the .213 average for a season and two-thirds before that.

Jason Kubel, Arizona Diamondbacks
Contract: 2 years/\$15,000,000

Some folks with Arizona believe Kubel's bat is the answer for what has been a revolving door in left field. We believe that Kirk Gibson will appreciate Gerardo Parra's defense more by midseason.

Jonathan Papelbon, Philadelphia Phillies
Contract: 4 years/\$50,000,000

This will likely turn into a five-year, \$63,000,000 deal with the vesting option for 2016. His WHIP numbers worsened for three years prior to 2011, a contract year. In two save opportunities of more than one inning, he blew one. Papelbon had just four save chances after Aug. 18 last season, and he blew two of those. The Phillies were the best in baseball at closing games last season. Why throw money at that?

Albert Pujols, Los Angeles Angels
Contract: 10 years/\$240,000,000

Pujols was the marquee free agent of all-time — perhaps with the exception of Reggie Jackson in 1977, the first year of free agency. About \$10 million of this is in the form of a personal services deal upon retirement. The \$12- and \$16-million he'll make in the first two seasons makes King Albert the best bargain in the world. But the Angels are committed to \$75 million from ages 35-37, then an

astronomical \$114 million for his production from age 38 to 41. The Angels will regret at least five years of this deal, maybe six. But when you're guaranteed \$150 million a year for the next 20 years in TV money, why not? The Angels can afford bad contracts. A World Series title has to happen in the next three years for this to work out.

Aramis Ramirez, Milwaukee Brewers
Contract: 3 years/\$36,000,000

He'll be a \$6 million steal in 2012, a \$16 million bust in '14. It's the \$10 million 2013 season that will determine the ultimate evaluation. We say he won't be worth the trouble.

Jon Rauch, New York Mets
Contract: 1 year/\$3,500,000

It's surprising he even got another major league deal.

Jose Reyes, Miami Marlins
Contract: 6 years/\$106,000,000

One of the most exciting offensive players in the game, and one of the flashiest defensively, Reyes is arguably one of the most valuable players in baseball. But there's something amiss about committing six years to a shortstop with Reyes' three-year injury history — 191 missed games.

Jimmy Rollins, Philadelphia Phillies
Contract: 3 years/\$33,000,000

Rollins wanted five years before realizing that wasn't possible. He doesn't drive the ball well anymore, and leg injuries have curtailed his speed and defense. The Phils now have an \$11-million slightly above-average shortstop.

Josh Willingham, Minnesota Twins
Contract: 3 years/\$21,000,000

He's never played in more than 388 games over a three-year period and struck out 150 times last season in Oakland. With Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau healthy, Willingham could drive in 100 runs, but for this money, the Twins will need more than a .250 batting average.

PRESEASON COLLEGE BASEBALL TOP 25

1. Florida (53-19, 22-8 SEC)

The Monster from Gainesville is back and nasty as ever. Nearly everyone returns from last year, including the entire weekend rotation (headlined by 2010 first-round pick Karsten Whitson), plus Team USA members Brian Johnson (8-3, 3.62/.307-5-29) and SS Nolan Fontana (.289-5-49). All Americans like C Mike Zunino (.371-19-67) and OF Preston Tucker (.308-15-74) also return to make the Gators CWS favorites.

2. Stanford (35-22, 14-12 Pac-10)

Give coach Mark Marquess a deeply experienced team and it'll be a blue ribbon season. Ace Mark Appel (6-7, 3.02) and Brett Mooneyham, who sat out 2011, could be the best one-two punch in the Pac-12. The top seven hitters in the order return, led by 3B Stephen Piscotty (.364), SS Kenny Dieckroeger (.293) and OF Austin Wilson (.311-5-30).

3. South Carolina (55-14, 22-8 SEC)

If the two-time champs make it three straight, it won't be a huge shock. The pitching is ridiculous as Friday stud Michael Roth (14-3, 1.06, 112Ks) and All-America closer Matt Price (7-3, 1.83, 20 saves) both were drafted by MLB but returned to campus. All three weekend starters and four relievers are back. The No. 1-ranked recruiting class will fill the remaining needs.

Florida's Preston Tucker

4. Rice (42-21, 16-8 Conference USA)

How about this? With the Owls returning all eight fielders and three weekenders on the mound, coach Wayne Graham is cooking up something mean. Righties Austin Kubitz (6-5, 2.34) and Matthew Reckling (4-1, 3.10) were Nos. 1 and 2 in strikeouts in C-USA with 102 and 96 Ks, respectively.

5. Clemson (43-20, 17-13 ACC)

The Tigers went 21-4 down the stretch last season and return six of top seven arms, led by RHP Dominic Leone (6-2, 3.70). And that doesn't even include RHP Kevin Brady and LHP Joseph Moorefield, who were both drafted last June. They'll throw to catchers Spencer Kieboom (only two errors) and Phil Pohl (.333-4-33).

6. Miami (38-23, 19-10 ACC)

The Canes welcome All-America transfer C Peter O'Brien from Bethune-Cookman. A deep, talented pitching staff will feature LHP Eric Erickson (23-6 career), who returns after missing most of two seasons, and LHP Bryan Radziewski (9-2, 3.35, 92 Ks). Sophomore OF Dale Carey (.271) is one of the most dynamic defenders in the country.

7. Arizona (39-21, 15-12 Pac-10)

Between RHPs Kurt Heyer (8-5, 2.41, 134 Ks), Tyler Hale (3-4, 5.01) and Konner Wade (3-0, 3.21) the Cats return 39 starts on the bump. The defense is outstanding, and both SS Alex Mejia (.335) and 3B Seth Mejias-Brean (.313) are back. Six freshmen were MLB draftees, led by RHP Matthew Troupe.

8. UC Irvine (43-18, 16-8 Big West)

The Anteaters nearly pulled off a miracle upset in the Super Regional at Virginia and now have seven of the top nine pitchers (2.93 team ERA) and three-fourths of an outstanding infield (.979 team fielding) returning. The freshman class will be huge, led by 3B Taylor Sparks, an Indians' draftee.

9. Florida State (46-19, 19-11 ACC)

The Noles have a breezy early slate that should keep them near the top of the polls, but they also have five of the top seven hitters and 37 starts on the mound returning. OF James Ramsey (.364-10-67) and 1B Jayce Boyd (.343-8-60) will pace a very potent offense.

10. Cal State Fullerton (41-17, 19-5 Big West)

New coach Rick Vanderhook inherits an overflow of sharp infielders, six of the top seven hitters and one of the best right fielders in the country in Michael Lorenzen (.342-2-31, 19 SBs). Coach Hook calls two-way frosh J.D. Davis (fifth-round pick, Rays) the best raw talent since Mark Kortsay. Wow.

11. LSU (36-20, 13-17 SEC)

These Tigers are snarling to make amends for 2011 with two sophomore weekend hurlers back in Kurt McCune (7-3, 3.31) and Kevin Gausman (5-6, 3.51). Infielders Austin Nola (.296) and Tyler Hanover (.311) both return despite getting drafted, and the incoming class ranked seventh nationally.

12. California (38-23, 13-13 Pac-10)

The best story in college baseball in 2011, the Cal Bears hope to re-write history again. The leadership of C Chadd Krist (.297, 43 RBIs) is immeasurable, and he's joined by relief ace Matt Flemer (1.83, six saves) and Pac-10 Player of the Year 2B Tony Renda (.332) as huge returnees.

13. North Carolina (51-16, 20-10 ACC)

As long as Mike Fox is coach, the Heels won't be far down the pecking order. ACC title hopes are buoyed by the return of Freshman All-Americans LHP Kent Emanuel (9-1, 2.33) and top hitter Colin Moran (.335-9-71), plus juniors Chris Munnely and Michael Morin (4-2, 4.64, 10 saves).

14. Texas A&M (47-22, 19-8 Big 12)

The Aggies come off their first trip to Omaha since 1999 and have a two-headed monster of righties Michael Wacha (9-4, 2.29) and Ross Stripling (14-2, 2.29), who combined for 236 Ks last season. Five starters return in the field.

15. Texas (49-19, 19-8 Big 12)

When Sam Stafford (6-2, 1.77, 91Ks) turned down the Yankees as a second-round draft pick, it was "Game On" for UT. He'll join Hoby Milner (7-4, 2.45) and Corey Knebel (3-2, 1.13, 19 saves) for another sharp Horns' staff. But only two returnees who hit better than .254 return.

16. Georgia (33-32, 16-14 SEC)

After having sweated out last year's NCAA at-large bid, the Dawgs will be dominant this year as seven starters return, along with all three weekend pitchers plus ace reliever Tyler Maloof (18 saves). On top of that, the defense set a school record fielding at a .974 pace.

17. Arkansas (40-22, 15-15 SEC)

Nine of the 10 most-used pitchers return, including versatile DJ Baxendale (10-2, 1.58, three saves) and Freshman All-America relievers in Barrett Astin (5-2, 2.72, three saves) and Nolan Sanburn (2-4, 3.62, eight saves). But the Hogs must improve a .270 team average or it'll be a short June.

18. Georgia Tech (42-21, 22-8 ACC)

Tech won 42 games in a "rebuilding" year. Now all those greenhorns will make for a

loaded lineup. Seven hitters return to the order led by speedy OFs Kyle Wren and Brandon Thomas (.307, 19 SBs). RHPs Buck Farmer and Luke Bard (2-2, 2.72, eight saves) lead the arms corps.

19. Vanderbilt (54-12, 22-8 SEC)

Lots to replace off the 2011 team, but the No. 2-ranked incoming class will help. RHP Tyler Beede, a first-round draftee, is the next big-time stud. Six fielders return, including the athletic outfield of Tony Kemp (.329, seven triples, 17 SBs), Mike Yastrzemski (.296, 23 SBs) and Connor Harrell (.289-9-36).

20. Louisville (32-29, 14-13 Big East)

The Cards underachieved mightily in '11 but will make amends in 2012. RHPs Justin Amlung (10-2, 2.31) and Derek Self (3-3, 2.26) were drafted last June and lead an uber-talented arms staff that had a 3.06 ERA. Six starters return to the order, but the boney-armed offense hit just .253 last year.

21. UCLA (35-24, 18-9 Pac-10)

The outfield of Beau Amaral (.299), Jeff Gelalich (.269, 10 SBs) and Cody Keefer (.303) is top-flight, and the weekend rotation of Adam Plutko (7-4, 2.01), Zack Weiss (5-3, 2.86) and Nick Vander Tuig (3-4, 2.90) will be formidable.

22. St. John's (36-22, 18-8 Big East)

Nearly the entire roster returns from a team that got an NCAA at-large bid over LSU. Hurling 6'8" flamethrower Kyle Hansen (8-7, 3.09, 106 Ks) leads an effective staff. All-America OF Jeremy Baltz (.311-6-60) spearheads the offense.

23. Jacksonville (37-24, 19-11 Atlantic Sun)

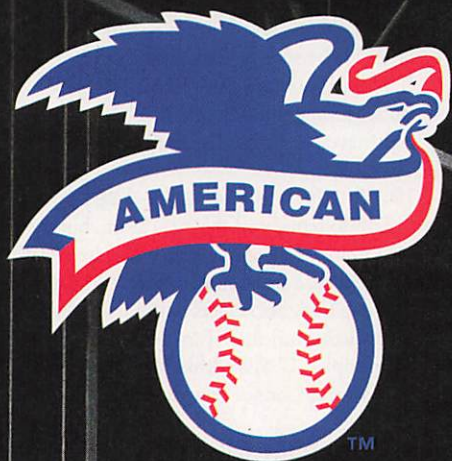
The Wisconsin prep pipeline has given the Dolphins Bunyanesque swingers Adam Brett Walker II (.409-13-75, 14 SBs) and Dan Gulbransen (.370-6-52, 12 SBs). Most of the pitching is back on the hill, but the staff must improve its 4.86 ERA.

24. Long Beach State (29-27, 12-12 Big West)

Pitching guru/head coach Troy Buckley has nine pitchers with 10 or more appearances coming back, plus incoming junior college transfer Matt Anderson. Seven of eight fielders return, featuring Matt Duffy (.266), who had an All-Star summer in the Cape.

25. Charlotte (43-16, 17-7 Atlantic 10)

Don't scoff, the 49ers advanced to a Regional last year and return everyone. All three weekend starters and three of the top four relievers return from a staff that sported a 2.81 ERA. Ross Steedley (.342-2-31) is one of the better backstops in D1.



2012 Predictions

East

1. New York
2. Tampa Bay*
3. Boston
4. Toronto
5. Baltimore

Central

1. Detroit
2. Cleveland
3. Kansas City
4. Minnesota
5. Chicago

West

1. Texas
2. Los Angeles*
3. Seattle
4. Oakland

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ALCS

Texas over New York

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Texas over Philadelphia

— MVP —

1. Miguel Cabrera, Detroit
2. Robinson Cano, New York
3. Albert Pujols, Los Angeles
4. Jose Bautista, Toronto
5. Dustin Pedroia, Boston
6. Adrian Gonzalez, Boston
7. Evan Longoria, Tampa Bay
8. Ian Kinsler, Texas
9. Curtis Granderson, New York
10. Carlos Santana, Cleveland

— CY YOUNG —

1. Justin Verlander, Detroit
2. Jered Weaver, Los Angeles
3. David Price, Tampa Bay
4. CC Sabathia, New York
5. Jon Lester, Boston
6. Ricky Romero, Toronto
7. Mariano Rivera, New York
8. Dan Haren, Los Angeles
9. James Shields, Tampa Bay
10. Felix Hernandez, Seattle

— ROOKIE OF THE YEAR —

1. Jesus Montero, Seattle
2. Matt Moore, Tampa Bay
3. Yu Darvish, Texas
4. Manny Banuelos, New York
5. Mike Trout, Los Angeles





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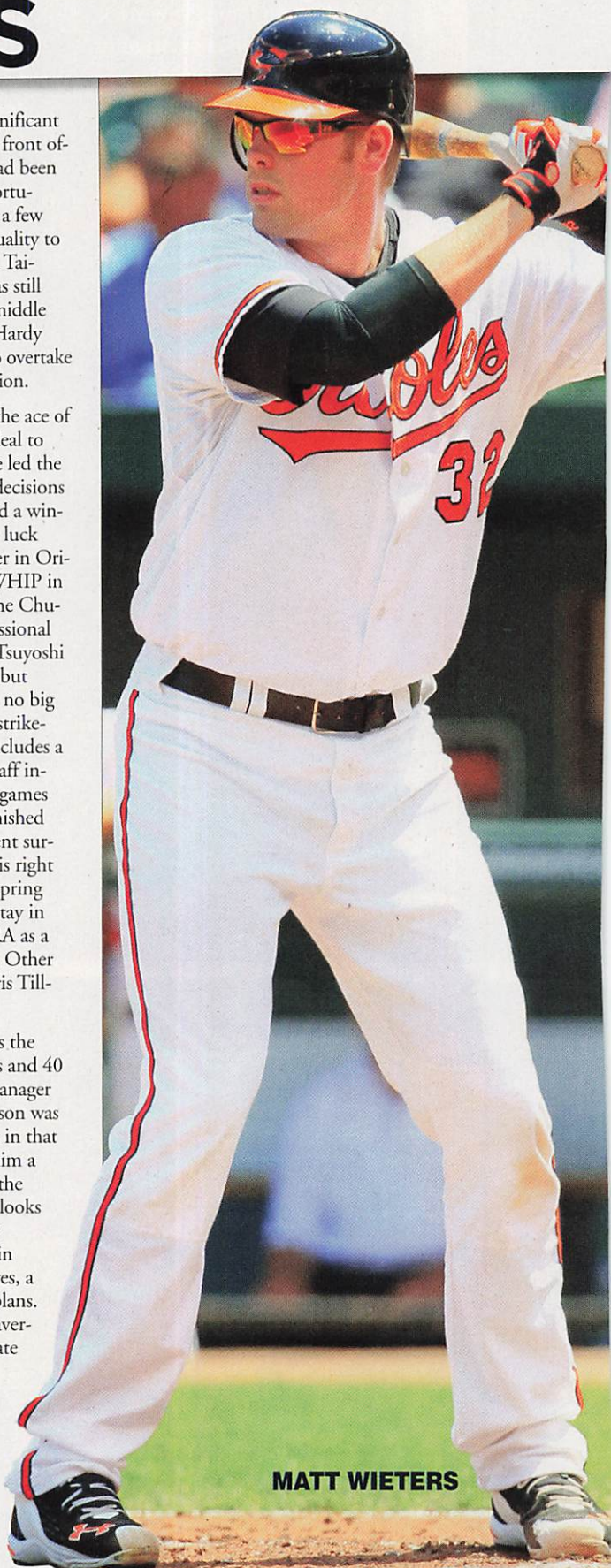
INSIDER TIP ♦ Brian Matusz is unlikely to be drafted in your league, but if he puts two good starts back to back, scoop him up.

The Orioles have undergone a number of significant changes, but they're mostly confined to the front office and scouting department. The roster had been tweaked as the New Year approached. Unfortunately, this team needs a lot more than just a few minor adjustments. They added quantity more than quality to the pitching staff — the big signing being 26-year-old Taiwanese lefthander Wei-Yin Chen — and the lineup was still missing a big difference-maker. They're strong up the middle with Gold Glove catcher Matt Wieters, shortstop J.J. Hardy and center fielder Adam Jones, but they aren't set up to overtake anyone in the treacherous American League East Division.

ROTATION Righthander Jeremy Guthrie remains the ace of this staff, though the Orioles gave Chen a three-year deal to occupy a spot at the front end of the rotation. Guthrie led the Orioles with 16 quality starts, but his 17 losses in 26 decisions tied for the sixth-most in club history. He hasn't posted a winning record since 2007, but he's been a victim of poor luck and run support. Chen, the first Taiwanese-born player in Orioles history, went 36–30 with a 2.48 ERA and 1.06 WHIP in 117 games (88 starts) over the last four seasons with the Chunichi Dragons in the Central League of Nippon Professional Baseball. The Orioles also signed Japanese lefthander Tsuyoshi Wada to a two-year deal with a club option for 2014, but some scouts question whether a soft-tossing lefty with no big league experience can compete in the division. He's a strike-thrower with a wide assortment of pitches, but that includes a mid-80s fastball. Tommy Hunter joins Guthrie as a staff innings-eater. Hunter went 3–3 with a 5.06 ERA in 12 games after being acquired from the Rangers. Jake Arrieta finished second on the team with 10 victories, but he underwent surgery on Aug. 12 to remove a bone spur from his right elbow. He's expected to be fully recovered by spring training. Lefthander Zach Britton also could stay in the rotation after going 11–11 with a 4.61 ERA as a rookie. He posted a 5.76 ERA after the break. Other starting candidates include Brian Matusz, Chris Tillman, Dana Eveland and Brad Bergesen.

BULLPEN Kevin Gregg began last season as the closer, but his seven blown saves in 29 chances and 40 walks in 59.2 innings tested the patience of manager Buck Showalter. Former set-up man Jim Johnson was closing games in September and could remain in that role, though there's also been talk of making him a starter. Pedro Strop, claimed off waivers from the Rangers, posted a 0.73 ERA in 12 games and looks like a quality late-inning arm. Another former Ranger, lefthander Zach Phillips, could work in middle relief. Submariner Darren O'Day — yes, a former Ranger — also figures in the bullpen plans. Southpaw Clay Rapada held lefties to a .104 average, but righthanders hit .692. He's the ultimate specialist. Wada, Bergesen, Jason Berken, Alfredo Simon and lefthander Troy Patton also are candidates to work out of the bullpen.

MIDDLE INFIELD Former GM Andy MacPhail pulled off one of the best trades last winter when he sent two minor league pitchers to the Twins for Hardy, who hit a career-high 30 home runs and played out-



MATT WIETERS

DIFFERENCE MAKER **WEI-YIN CHEN**

The Orioles opened the door a little wider to the Asian market by signing Taiwanese left-hander Wei-Yin Chen to a three-year contract with a team option for 2015. Chen, 26, moves into the front end of the rotation, either ahead or directly behind Jeremy Guthrie. Chen was a member of the Chinese Taipei national baseball team in both the 2004 Athens and 2008 Beijing Olympics, so he's faced top-level competition. His velocity dipped last year because of injury, but the Orioles believe he's got the stuff to make an impact in the AL East.

standing defense. Hardy also tied his career high with 80 RBIs despite spending a month on the disabled list with a strained oblique. His .990 fielding percentage and .491 slugging percentage led AL shortstops. The Orioles signed him to a three-year extension on July 18. His double-play partner remains a mystery. Second baseman Brian Roberts didn't play after May 16 because of concussion-like symptoms that are threatening his career. He has two years and \$20 million left on his contract. Robert Andino filled in admirably for Roberts, but Showalter wants to use him in a super-utility role. Other second base candidates include Triple-A infielder Ryan Adams, Rule 5 pick Ryan Flaherty and minor league free agents Matt Antonelli and Steve Tolleson.

CORNERS Mark Reynolds and Chris Davis are expected to be the corner infielders barring a trade, but their exact positions must be determined. Reynolds committed 26 of his 31 errors at third base, and he looked much more comfortable at first. His 37 home runs look good at either corner, and the Orioles seem to be leaning toward keeping him at first. Davis also can play both positions, but he's still trying to establish himself in the majors. The Orioles are giving him that chance after acquiring him from the Rangers in July. Both players have tremendous power. They also strike out a lot. Antonelli also is being considered at third base.

OUTFIELD Nick Markakis finally won a Gold Glove in right field after going 160 games without committing an error. However, his streak of consecutive seasons with at least 40 doubles ended at four, and he posted the lowest average (.284) in his six major league seasons. Jones didn't win a Gold Glove, but he was outstanding in center field. He wasn't too bad at the plate, either. Jones hit .280 with 26 doubles, 25 homers and 83 RBIs, and was named Most Valuable Oriole. Left field isn't quite as settled. Nolan Reimold is the early favorite to win the job. Reimold, a former second-round draft pick, hit 13 homers in 87 games. The Orioles signed veteran Endy Chavez as a free agent to back up Jones in center and maybe platoon with Reimold in left. They also traded for Jai Miller, 27, who batted .276 with 32 home runs, 88 RBIs and 16 stolen bases without being caught in 110 games for Triple-A Sacramento in 2011.

CATCHING The Orioles' pitching staff is in good hands with Wieters, who played in his first All-Star Game and won his first Gold Glove. Wieters, the fifth overall selection in the 2007 draft, was charged with only one passed ball, posted a .992 fielding percentage and led AL catchers by throwing out 37 percent of runners attempting to steal. He also hit 22 home runs, 11 more than his career high. He's got superstar talent and it's rising to the surface. The Orioles traded for Taylor Teagarden, another former Ranger, to back up Wieters. Teagarden is limited offensively, but the Orioles like the way he calls

STATISTICIAN

- 31 Errors committed by corner infielder Mark Reynolds, most in the AL.
- 39 Games played by second baseman Brian Roberts, the last coming on May 16.
- 321 Matt Wieters' average with runners in scoring position, 13th-best in the AL.
- 4 Number of Orioles with 20 or more home runs (J.J. Hardy, Adam Jones, Reynolds, Wieters).
- 30 Home runs by J.J. Hardy, the most for an AL East shortstop since Miguel Tejada in 2006.
- 182 Consecutive series that Nick Markakis hit safely, a streak that ended vs. Toronto Aug. 30-Sept. 1.
- 36 Orioles outfield assists, which ranked third in the AL behind Kansas City (51) and Detroit (37).
- 298 Orioles average as pinch-hitters, which led the majors.

ORIOLES

BATTING ORDER

DH	Brian Roberts (S)	Status in the air after concussion symptoms limited him to 39 games in 2011.
SS	J.J. Hardy (R)	Hit career-high 30 home runs and tied career high with 80 RBIs.
RF	Nick Markakis (L)	Joins Ichiro as only AL players with at least 180 hits in each of past five seasons.
CF	Adam Jones (R)	Team MVP led major league CFs with 16 assists; added career-high 25 homers.
C	Matt Wieters (S)	Made first All-Star team and was the first Orioles catcher to win a Gold Glove.
1B	Mark Reynolds (R)	Led team in home runs (37), RBIs (86), runs (84), walks (75), strikeouts (196).
3B	Chris Davis (L)	Hit .368 with 24 homers in 48 games at Triple-A Round Rock before trade to Orioles.
2B	Robert Andino (R)	Could be utility player if Roberts plays second base, which is club's preference.
LF	Nolan Reimold (R)	Hit .321 with five homers, 16 RBIs, nine walks and 16 runs in last 17 games.

BENCH

C	Taylor Teagarden (R)	Considered a huge defensive upgrade over previous backup catchers.
OF	Endy Chavez (L)	Hit .301/.323/.426 with five homers and 27 RBIs in 83 games with Texas.
INF	Matt Antonelli (R)	The 17th-overall pick by Padres in 2006 draft can play three infield spots.
INF	Ryan Flaherty (L)	Rule 5 pick has played second, third, shortstop, left field and right field.

ROTATION

RH	Jeremy Guthrie	Has pitched 200 innings or more last three seasons, but is 47-65 lifetime.
LH	Wei-Yin Chen	Was 36-30 with a 2.48 ERA, 1.06 WHIP in last 117 games with the Chunichi Dragons.
RH	Tommy Hunter	Went 3-3 with a 5.06 ERA in 12 games after being acquired from the Rangers.
RH	Jake Arrieta	His 10 wins ranked second on team; recovering from surgery to remove bone spur.
LH	Zach Britton	Rookie was 4-1 with a 2.84 ERA in April; 2-1 with a 2.60 ERA in August.

BULLPEN

RH	Jim Johnson (Closer)	Former set-up man closed in September and went 7-for-7 in save opportunities.
RH	Kevin Gregg	Signed to be the closer, but his seven blown saves and 40 walks were an issue.
RH	Pedro Strop	Didn't allow a run in his first nine appearances after being claimed off waivers.
RH	Brad Bergesen	Had a 5.78 ERA in 12 starts and 5.59 ERA in 22 relief appearances; out of options.
RH	Darren O'Day	Submarine-stylist was 0-1 with a 5.40 ERA in 16 games with the Rangers.
LH	Clayton Kershaw	Lefthanders hitting .090 against him (6-for-67) the last two seasons, lowest in the majors (min. 60 ABs).
LH	Tsuyoshi Wada	Japanese import is known for his control and pitching to contact, not his velocity.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Lefthander Brian Matusz, who won 10 games as a rookie in 2010 and only one last year, will try to avoid an assignment to Triple-A Norfolk. He'll have to crack a projected rotation of Jeremy Guthrie, Wei-Yin Chen, Tommy Hunter, Jake Arrieta and Zach Britton. And executive vice president Dan Duquette still wanted to add at least one more starter. The battle for the final bench spot could come down to Matt Antonelli, Steve Tolleson, Jai Miller and Rule 5 pick Ryan Flaherty. Much depends on Brian Roberts' availability and how it impacts Robert Andino.

STATLINE



MOST SOs IN CAREER OF FEWER THAN 300 GAMES

1. **Chris Davis (3B)** 341
2. Randy Johnson (P) 296
3. Al Leiter (P) 290
4. Mike Stanton (OF) 289
5. Bobby Smith (OF) 268



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SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					MIN	MIN
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MIN	NY	NY	NY	TOR	TOR	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
TOR	CWS	CWS	CWS	LAA	LAA	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
LAA	TOR	TOR	TOR	OAK	OAK	
29	30					
OAK	NY					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		NY	NY	BOS	BOS	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BOS	TEX	TEX	TEX	TB	TB	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
TB	NY	NY	KC	KC	WAS	WAS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
WAS	BOS	BOS	BOS	KC	KC	
27	28	29	30	31		
KC	TOR	TOR	TOR			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					TB	TB
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
TB	BOS	BOS	BOS	PHI	PHI	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PHI	PIT	PIT	PIT	ATL	ATL	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ATL	NY	NY	NY	WAS	WAS	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
WAS	LAA	LAA	CLE	CLE	CLE	

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
CLE	SEA	SEA	SEA	LAA	LAA	LAA
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
LAA	ALL STAR GAME 2012				DET	DET
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
DET	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	CLE	CLE
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CLE	CLE	TB	TB	TB	OAK	OAK
29	30	31				
OAK	NY	NY				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		NY	TB	TB		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TB	SEA	SEA	KC	KC	KC	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
KC	BOS	BOS	BOS	DET	DET	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DET	TEX	TEX	TEX	TOR	TOR	
27	28	29	30	31		
TOR	CWS	CWS	CWS	NY		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						NY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NY	TOR	TOR	TOR	NY	NY	NY
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
NY	TB	TB	TB	OAK	OAK	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
OAK	SEA	SEA	SEA	BOS	BOS	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
BOS	TOR	TOR	TOR	BOS	BOS	
30	1	2	3			
BOS	TB	TB	TB			



Sox, but he hadn't worked for a major league club since being fired after the 2001 season. He twice traded for Pedro Martinez, and his commitment to scouting, player development and the international market could be exactly what the Orioles need after 14 straight losing seasons. However, his absence from the game for such an extended period of time could work against him. If nothing else, he figures to be more aggressive than MacPhail, whose deliberate pace and reluctance to spend money frustrated fans. Showalter has a track record for turning around clubs and bringing them to the threshold of the World Series. He'll need to maintain his patience with this team.

FINAL ANALYSIS The Orioles have a nice nucleus of players that Duquette wants to build around. The trick is acquiring the necessary pieces while still holding onto Wieters, Hardy, Jones, Markakis, Guthrie and his young starters. The Orioles still lack depth in their farm system, preventing them from making the kinds of trades that brought frontline starting pitchers to the Reds (Mat Latos) and Nationals (Gio Gonzalez). Duquette has a lot of work to do, and not just with his 25-man roster. It's hard to envision the Orioles getting out of last place this season if they're not going to spend for big-name free agents. They're trying to borrow the Rays' blueprint, but a turnaround won't happen overnight.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

BIG SHOT Corner infielder Mark Reynolds has a reputation for hitting some of the longest home runs in the majors, and it was on full display in an Aug. 7 game against the Blue Jays. Reynolds became only the second player to homer into the second deck in left field at Camden Yards. Rex Hudler did it first, on June 11, 1995, but his ball snuck around the foul pole. Reynolds' ball traveled an estimated 450 feet to left, tying for the sixth-longest blast in the ballpark's 20-year history.

SLOW STARTERS The failings of the rotation were a primary reason why the Orioles finished last again. Their starters allowed five or more runs in 56 games, which led the majors by five over Houston and Minnesota. They made 60 quality starts, the fewest in the majors and 11 behind Boston and Colorado, which tied for the second-fewest.

SPECIALISTS The Orioles had three relievers who were murder on left-handed hitters. The trio of Pedro Strop (2-for-19), Zach Phillips (2-for-20) and

a game, handles a pitching staff and controls the opponents' running game.

DH/BENCH The Orioles non-tendered Luke Scott, but they had interest in re-signing him. If he doesn't return, they'll need to find a DH. Roberts is one possibility. The bench will include Teagarden as Wieters' backup and Chavez as the fourth outfielder. Miller also will be given a long look as a backup at all three outfield positions, especially because he's out of options. Flaherty, the Rule 5 pick, has a good chance to make the club out of spring training and back up at multiple infield positions. The Orioles also like Antonelli, the former Padres infielder who played at Triple-A Syracuse last season. Andino will be a super-utility player if he isn't starting at second.

MANAGEMENT The front office has taken on a decidedly different look with the hiring of Dan Duquette as executive vice president of baseball operations. Duquette was a former GM with the Expos and Red

Clay Rapada (5-for-48) combined to hold lefthanders to a .103 average. Rapada was so bad against righthanders, who hit nearly .700 against him, that the Orioles designated him for assignment June 29 because they couldn't afford the luxury of carrying him. He cleared waivers and returned in September.

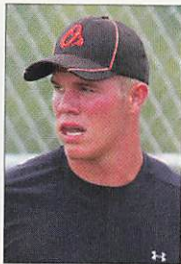
BIG BAT Lefthander Zach Britton won 11 games as a rookie, but you can't ignore what he did at the plate. Britton went 5-for-8 with a double, home run, two RBIs and three runs scored in three inter-league games. According to Elias, his five hits were the most in one season by an AL pitcher since the creation of the designated hitter in 1974.

GOOD AND BAD Jeremy Guthrie was 7-17 going into a Sept. 14 game against Tampa Bay. He fanned 10 Rays to become the first Orioles pitcher in franchise history to record 10 or more strikeouts and earn the win after being at least 10 games below .500. He's the first pitcher since Kip Wells (2005 and 2007) to lose 17 or more games twice in his career.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK DYLAN BUNDY

The Orioles used the fourth overall pick in the 2011 draft on Bundy, a high school pitcher who instantly became the club's No. 1 prospect without throwing a single pitch at the professional level. He went 11-0 with a 0.20 ERA as a senior at Owasso (Okla.) High School. He recorded 322 strikeouts in 151 innings in his last two seasons. His fastball sits at 94-98 mph and touches 100. He also has a cutter, changeup and a plus-curveball. Scouts also rave about his mechanics and his makeup. He's a fitness nut, as well. Bundy will probably start out at Class A Delmarva and figures to move quickly through the system. The Orioles expect him to be a No. 1 starter at some point in the not-too-distant future.



2010 TOP PICK

Manny Machado, SS, Brito Miami Private (Fla.) School Top position prospect showed off his talents at both Class A affiliates. Could reach Triple-A this year.

2009 TOP PICK

Matthew Hobgood, RHP, Norco (Calif.) HS Was 0-6 record with a 10.46 ERA in eight games at short-season Aberdeen. Also has shoulder injury.

2008 TOP PICK

Brian Matusz, LHP, University of San Diego Reached majors in first pro season and won 10 games in 2010 before going 1-9 with a 10.69 ERA last year.

2007 TOP PICK

Matt Wieters, C, Georgia Tech Made a mockery of the "bust" talk with first selection to All-Star Game and first Gold Glove last year. Will be the Orioles' catcher for the long term.

2006 TOP PICK

Billy Rowell, 3B, Bishop Eustace (N.J.) Prep Can only be described as a bust. Finally reached Double-A last year and hit .227 in 41 games.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

INF Jonathan Schoop (20) Orioles Minor League Player of the Year hit combined .290 with 13 homers and 71 RBIs at two Class A affiliates. Bumped off shortstop by Machado.

OF Xavier Avery (22) Second-round pick in 2008 led Double-A Bowie in at-bats (557), hits (144) and doubles (31). Still raw but learning the game.

OF LJ Hoes (21) Third-rounder in 2008 hit .305 with 54 RBIs in 95 games after moving up to Bowie. Also plays second base.

RHP Bobby Bundy (22) He's more than Dylan Bundy's older brother. Former eighth-rounder was 11-5 with a 2.75 ERA at Frederick.

RHP Oliver Drake (25) 43rd-rounder out of the Naval Academy was added to 40-man roster after going 8-3 with a 2.14 ERA at Frederick. Won three more games at Bowie.

ORIOLES ROSTER

Executive Vice President: Dan Duquette **Manager:** Buck Showalter **Coaches:** Rick Adair (pitching), Bill Castro (bullpen), DeMarlo Hale (third base), Wayne Kirby (first base), Jim Presley (hitting), John Russell (bench)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
34	Jake Arrieta	R-R	6-4	225	3/6/86	BALTIMORE	10-8	5.05	22	22	0	119.1	115	59	93	
35	Brad Bergesen	L-R	6-2	210	9/25/85	BALTIMORE	2-7	5.70	34	12	0	101.0	119	32	61	
						Norfolk (AAA)	2-1	1.64	3	3	0	22.0	14	8	18	
49	Jason Berken	R-R	6-0	205	11/27/83	BALTIMORE	1-2	5.36	40	0	0	47.0	63	21	41	
						Norfolk (AAA)	0-1	3.50	5	4	0	18.0	20	7	16	
53	Zach Britton	L-L	6-3	195	12/22/87	BALTIMORE	11-11	4.61	28	28	0	154.1	162	62	97	
						Norfolk (AAA)	0-1	1.80	1	1	0	5.0	3	1	3	
						Bowie (AA)	0-2	5.40	3	3	0	11.2	14	2	15	
	Dylan Bundy	S-R	6-1	200	11/15/92	2011 First Round Selection — Did not play after signing										
	Oliver Drake	R-R	6-4	217	1/13/87	Norfolk (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	2.0	1	1	2	
						Frederick (A)	8-3	2.14	14	13	0	96.2	78	18	80	
						Bowie (AA)	3-5	5.20	12	12	0	64.0	77	24	47	
	Dana Eveland	L-L	6-1	235	10/29/83	LOS ANGELES NL	3-2	3.03	5	5	0	29.2	28	6	16	
						Albuquerque (AAA)	12-8	4.38	25	25	0	154.0	151	61	107	
63	Kevin Gregg	R-R	6-6	230	6/20/78	BALTIMORE	0-3	4.37	63	0	22	59.2	58	40	53	
46	Jeremy Guthrie	R-R	6-1	205	4/8/79	BALTIMORE	9-17	4.33	34	32	0	208.0	213	66	130	
39	Tommy Hunter	R-R	6-3	280	7/3/86	BALTIMORE	3-3	5.06	12	11	0	69.1	88	10	35	
						TEXAS	1-1	2.93	8	0	0	15.1	12	5	10	
						Round Rock (AAA)	2-2	5.06	8	5	1	26.2	37	3	16	
						Frisco (AA)	0-0	4.50	1	0	0	4.0	3	1	5	
43	Jim Johnson	R-R	6-5	230	6/27/83	BALTIMORE	6-5	2.67	69	0	9	91.0	80	21	58	
17	Brian Matusz	L-L	6-5	190	2/11/87	BALTIMORE	1-9	10.69	12	12	0	49.2	81	24	38	
						Norfolk (AAA)	2-3	3.46	9	9	0	54.2	51	19	41	
						Bowie (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	6.0	3	1	1	
						Frederick (A)	0-0	2.25	1	1	0	4.0	2	2	2	
	Darren O'Day	R-R	6-4	220	10/22/82	TEXAS	0-1	5.40	16	0	0	16.2	17	5	18	
						Round Rock (AAA)	1-0	2.21	17	1	1	20.1	16	4	26	
						Frisco (AA)	0-0	9.00	1	1	0	1.0	1	0	1	
40	Troy Patton	S-L	6-1	185	9/3/85	BALTIMORE	2-1	3.00	20	0	0	30.0	25	5	22	
						Norfolk (AAA)	4-1	1.83	17	2	0	44.1	44	12	30	
58	Zach Phillips	L-L	6-1	200	9/21/86	BALTIMORE	0-0	1.13	10	0	0	8.0	6	2	8	
						Round Rock (AAA)	1-3	4.43	33	0	3	44.2	50	21	38	
						Norfolk (AAA)	1-1	2.63	14	0	1	13.2	12	7	7	
57	Clay Rapada	R-L	6-5	200	3/9/81	BALTIMORE	2-0	6.06	32	0	0	16.1	14	7	18	
						Norfolk (AAA)	0-1	3.92	26	0	1	20.2	24	4	20	
55	Alfredo Simon	R-R	6-6	230	5/8/81	BALTIMORE	4-9	4.90	23	16	0	115.2	128	40	83	
						Bowie (AA)	1-0	3.00	4	4	0	18.0	15	6	20	
64	Pedro Strop	R-R	6-0	175	6/13/85	BALTIMORE	2-0	0.73	12	0	0	12.1	8	3	12	
						TEXAS	0-1	3.72	11	0	0	9.2	7	7	9	
						Round Rock (AAA)	4-4	3.59	39	0	11	47.2	53	24	55	
24	Chris Tillman	R-R	6-5	200	4/15/88	BALTIMORE	3-5	5.52	13	13	0	62.0	77	25	46	
						Norfolk (AAA)	3-6	5.19	15	15	0	76.1	77	38	54	
54	Rick Vandenberg	R-R	6-5	217	5/22/85	BALTIMORE	0-0	8.00	4	2	0	9.0	12	8	7	
						Norfolk (AAA)	9-13	4.43	26	26	0	154.1	141	40	108	
18	Tsuyoshi Wada	L-L	5-11	170	2/21/81	Fukuoka (Japan)	16-5	1.51	26	26	0	184.2	145	40	168	
	Wei-Yin Chen	L-L	6-0	180	7/21/85	Chunichi (Japan)	8-10	2.68	25	24	0	164.2	138	31	94	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Taylor Teagarden	R-R	6-1	200	12/21/83	TEXAS	.235	14	34	3	8	0	2	2	13	0
						Round Rock (AAA)	.285	42	151	30	43	12	22	21	52	0
32	Matt Wieters	S-R	6-5	230	5/21/86	BALTIMORE	.262	139	500	72	131	22	68	48	84	1
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
6	Ryan Adams	R-R	5-11	185	4/21/87	BALTIMORE	.281	29	89	9	25	0	7	6	25	0
						Norfolk (AAA)	.284	94	377	46	107	10	37	30	103	5
11	Robert Andino	R-R	6-0	195	4/25/84	BALTIMORE	.263	139	457	63	120	5	36	41	83	13
	Matt Antonelli	R-R	6-0	205	4/8/85	Syracuse (AAA)	.297	86	300	44	89	8	30	47	59	6
						Harrisburg (AA)	.333	4	15	3	5	0	1	0	1	0
25	Josh Bell	S-R	6-3	220	11/13/86	BALTIMORE	.164	26	61	6	10	0	6	4	25	0
						Norfolk (AAA)	.253	101	395	62	100	19	57	40	118	4
19	Chris Davis	L-R	6-3	232	3/17/86	BALTIMORE	.276	31	123	16	34	2	13	6	39	1
						Bowie (AA)	.500	2	6	2	3	0	0	1	2	0
						TEXAS	.250	28	76	9	19	3	6	5	24	0
						Round Rock (AAA)	.368	48	193	39	71	24	66	11	58	1
	Ryan Flaherty	L-R	6-3	220	7/27/86	Iowa (AAA)	.237	49	173	22	41	5	22	10	44	1
						Tennessee (AA)	.305	83	302	52	92	14	66	40	55	4
2	J.J. Hardy	R-R	6-1	200	8/19/82	BALTIMORE	.269	129	527	76	142	30	80	31	92	0
58	Joe Mahoney	L-L	6-6	240	2/1/87	Bowie (AA)	.289	85	315	43	91	11	67	25	84	7
						Frederick (A)	.500	3	8	0	4	0	2	4	1	0
12	Mark Reynolds	R-R	6-2	220	8/3/83	BALTIMORE	.221	155	534	84	118	37	86	75	196	6
1	Brian Roberts	S-R	5-9	175	10/9/77	BALTIMORE	.221	39	163	18	36	3	19	12	21	6
	Steven Tolleson	R-R	5-11	190	11/1/83	Tucson (AAA)	.276	77	312	48	86	4	36	29	56	16
						Sacramento (AAA)	.274	46	175	29	48	5	19	31	37	2
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
38	Matt Angie	L-R	5-10	175	9/10/85	BALTIMORE	.177	31	79	12	14	1	7	12	13	11
						Norfolk (AAA)	.271	108	424	67	115	4	33	47	88	27
	Endy Chavez	L-L	6-0	170	2/7/78	TEXAS	.301	83	256	37	77	5	27	10	30	10
						Round Rock (AAA)	.305	30	128	16	39	2	17	10	6	6
51	Kyle Hudson	L-L	5-11	170	1/7/87	BALTIMORE	.143	14	28	3	4	0	2	0	6	2
						Norfolk (AAA)	.297	68	246	39	73	0	11	33	55	26
						Bowie (AA)	.308	28	91	9	28	0	10	10	24	7
						Frederick (A)	.279	23	86	12	24	0	2	10	16	8
10	Adam Jones	R-R	6-2	215	8/1/85	BALTIMORE	.280	151	567	68	159	25	83	29	113	12
21	Nick Markakis	L-L	6-2	200	11/17/83	BALTIMORE	.284	160	641	72	182	15	73	62	75	12
	Jai Miller	R-R	6-3	205	1/17/85	OAKLAND	.250	7	12	2	3	1	2	0	5	0
						Sacramento (AAA)	.276	110	410	81	113	32	88	54	179	16
14	Nolan Reimold	R-R	6-4	205	10/12/83	BALTIMORE	.247	87	267	40	66	13	45	28	57	7
						Norfolk (AAA)	.237	39	139	16	33	6	22	18	43	2



BOSTON RED SOX

**2012
PREDICTION**

3RD

AL EAST

**2011
RECORD**
90-72

HOME: 45-36 ROAD: 45-36

TEAM STADIUM

Fenway Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

877-REDSOX9 39,928

TEAM WEBSITE

boston.redsox.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 96 1st

2008 95 2nd

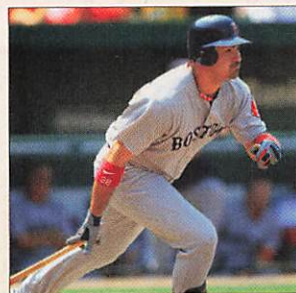
2009 95 2nd

2010 89 3rd

2011 90 3rd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ 1B Adrian Gonzalez



HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Jon Lester

BUY LOW ◇ OF Carl Crawford

SELL HIGH ◇ SS Marco Scutaro

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ RHP Clay Buchholz

IPO ◇ RP Michael Bowden

FUTURES MARKET ◇ C Ryan Lavanway

INSIDER TIP ◇ Crawford is by no means the fat-cat slacker some have surmised from his 2010 cataplysm; he cares — and he'll rebound.

If you navigated last September without shaming yourself, your family, your employers and the city you call home, congratulations! You had a better month than the Red Sox. When September began, they led the AL East and owned the best record in baseball. When it ended, they owned the greatest collapse in baseball history, and the fallout swiftly claimed their manager, GM and training staff — not to mention their good standing with Boston sports fans. The task in 2012 will be rebuilding their image and reclaiming the postseason berth that has eluded them for the past two seasons. They'll do so with a new manager, Bobby Valentine, who's no stranger to controversy, and a new GM, Ben Cherington, who wants the team to get younger and more dynamic. They have the talent to win it all, but there are holes, too. About all we can say with certainty is that any beer and fried chicken will be consumed on the players' own time.

ROTATION If there's a group to blame for last year's clubhouse shenanigans, it's the starters. Josh Beckett, Jon Lester, John Lackey and Clay Buchholz were the ones drinking beer during games, and they collectively have something to prove. Lester is the ace and pretty close to a sure thing, though he's coming off a 2011 that saw his innings and strikeout totals decrease by about 10 percent each. Beckett was an All-Star last year, but he was considered the ringleader of wrongdoing, so he'll have a target on his chest. Lackey is likely out for the year following offseason Tommy John surgery on his right elbow. Buchholz is an outstanding No. 3 — provided the stress fractures in his back that limited him 82.2 innings last year are healed. Reliever Daniel Bard is hoping to make the leap to the rotation after two dominant seasons as a setup man, and the fifth spot is up for grabs, with winter pickups like Carlos Silva, Aaron Cook and Vicente Padilla fighting it out.

BULLPEN Eighties hair rockers Cinderella warned us, "Don't know what you've got 'til it's gone." The Red Sox will soon discover whether they're living those words after watching closer Jonathan Papelbon sign with the Phillies. They replaced him by acquiring righthander Andrew Bailey from the A's. Bailey may not be Papelbon, but he's a two-time All-Star and former Rookie of the Year who has been taking the ball in the ninth practically from Day 1 in the big leagues. With Bard shifting to the rotation, another acquisition — former Astros closer Mark Melancon — becomes the primary set-up man. Jack-of-all-trades Alfredo Aceves returns to provide an invaluable multi-inning power arm with the added ability to make the occasional spot start. From there, one player to keep an eye on is rehabbing (Tommy John) left-handed specialist Rich Hill, who hasn't allowed a run since 2009.

MIDDLE INFIELD The double play combination of Dustin Pedroia and Marco Scutaro returns for a third straight season. Pedroia will continue to battle New York's Robinson Cano for the title of game's best second baseman. He's coming off a Gold Glove season that saw him set career-highs in



DUSTIN PEDROIA

DIFFERENCE MAKER MARK MELANCON

In order for the Daniel-Bard-to-the-rotation experiment to work, the Red Sox will need former Astros closer Melancon to prove he can handle the eighth-inning role in front of closer Andrew Bailey. Melancon was generally solid in the ninth inning for Houston last year, but pitching in Minute Maid Park is worlds away from the pressures of Fenway. If Melancon, a former Yankees farmhand, can handle the spotlight, that will go a long way toward ensuring that the Red Sox won't be scrambling to patch up their bullpen come May or June.

homers (21) and RBIs (91). He's also coming into his own as the heart and soul of the team and a true leader, particularly with veteran Jason Varitek unlikely to return. Scutaro, meanwhile, parlayed a monster September into a \$6 million contract. He's steady in all phases and unafraid of big situations, as his 10 lifetime walkoffs suggest. With Jed Lowrie shipped to Houston in the Melancon deal, newcomer Nick Punto becomes the primary backup infielder, followed by Mike Aviles.

CORNERS Where once there was Manny and Big Papi, the Red Sox hope to have A-Gon and Youk. Few 3-4 punches in the game are as potent as first baseman Adrian Gonzalez and third baseman Kevin Youkilis — provided Youkilis stays healthy. Gonzalez nearly won the batting title in his Red Sox debut, and another year removed from shoulder surgery, he should have the power to top 40 homers again. Youkilis has steadfastly refused to alter the all-out way he plays — "I'd rather retire," he says — and as a result, he hasn't topped 136 games since 2008. When healthy, both he and Gonzalez are guaranteed .950 OPS types with the ability to grind at-bats and leave the park.

OUTFIELD The Red Sox are pretty much guaranteed to receive above-average production from their outfield — because Jacoby Ellsbury is in it. The game's newest superstar returns for an encore as one of the most dynamic players alive. The Gold Glove and Silver Slugger winner did everything en route to a second-place finish in the MVP voting, and matching his 30-30 totals will be a challenge. The challenge is entirely of a different sort for left fielder Carl Crawford. The \$142 million man is out to show that last year's woeful season was an aberration born of acclimating himself to Boston. While it can't help his confidence that owner John Henry admits he opposed the signing, Crawford is a man on a mission. That mission, however, might be delayed a bit; Crawford underwent surgery on his left wrist in the offseason and is not expected to be ready for Opening Day. As for right field, with J.D. Drew gone, newcomer Ryan Sweeney should start at least against righties, possibly in a platoon with Darnell McDonald.

CATCHING Among the victims of September's collapse was the second-longest-tenured member of the Red Sox — catcher Jason Varitek. While the Sox didn't completely close the door on their captain's return, they seemed ready to move on after signing Kelly Shoppach to back up starter Jarrod Saltalamacchia, with young masher Ryan Lavarnway waiting in the wings. Saltalamacchia is looking to build on a fine 2011 season, his first as a full-time starter and one that saw him hit 16 homers and slug .450. Those numbers would look even better, but he withered in September, hitting just .162. Shoppach is here to hit lefties (.909 lifetime OPS) and throw out base-runners (league-leading 41 percent caught stealing last year).

STATISTICIAN

- 52-51** The Red Sox' record in Jarrod Saltalamacchia's 103 games. He posted a .982 OPS in the wins and a .473 OPS in the losses.
- 21** RBIs shortstop Marco Scutaro had in September while batting .387 with a 1.019 OPS.
- .230** Daniel Bard's average on balls in play last year. It was .224 in 2010. The league average is in the .290 to .300 range.
- 22** Home runs David Ortiz needs to reach 400 for his career. He would become the 48th or 49th player in history to get there, depending on Chicago's Paul Konerko, who is at 396.
- 10** Home runs Adrian Gonzalez hit at Fenway Park last year, which matched his career-low at spacious Petco Park. That number should increase dramatically this year.

RED SOX

BATTING ORDER

CF Jacoby Ellsbury (L)	Talk about options. Ellsbury could bat third, too, after his monster 2011. But why mess with a good thing?
2B Dustin Pedroia (R)	With the pin out of his foot, Pedroia is poised to follow up a bounce-back 2011 with an even better 2012.
1B Adrian Gonzalez (L)	With his shoulder fully healed a year after labrum surgery, ready to challenge for the Triple Crown.
3B Kevin Youkilis (R)	If Youk could stay healthy, the Red Sox would be in a lot better shape.
DH David Ortiz (L)	Ortiz was far and away the best DH in baseball last year, and even at age 36, that trend should continue.
LF Carl Crawford (L)	Prefers to bat second; Sox could drop Ellsbury to third and hit Pedroia leadoff. Coming off wrist surgery.
C Jarrod Saltalamacchia (S)	The man they call Salty hit for surprising power last year (16 HRs).
RF Ryan Sweeney (L)	With Ryan Kalish injured, has great chance to play nearly every day.
SS Marco Scutaro (R)	Scutaro's a luxury in that he can bat atop the order or at the bottom of it.

BENCH

C Kelly Shoppach (R)	He can still pound lefties and throw, which is what the Sox need.
INF Mike Aviles (R)	Gets a chance to fill the jack-of-all-trades role, with some outfield thrown in.
OF Darnell McDonald (R)	Will have to fight to win his job in spring training. A strong September helps his cause.
C Ryan Lavarnway (R)	Even if he opens the season in Triple-A, he'll end it in the big leagues.
INF Nick Punto (S)	The Sox acquired the former Twin and Cardinal for his leadership and solid defense.

ROTATION

LH Jon Lester	Ace hasn't quite put together a Cy Young-caliber season yet. Maybe 2012 will be his year.
RH Josh Beckett	Talk about a man with something to prove. At the center of the beer and fried chicken controversy.
RH Clay Buchholz	He has something to prove, too, after a back injury ended his season in June.
RH Daniel Bard	One of the X-factors will be Bard's ability to transition to the rotation.
RH Carlos Silva	The Sox are hoping to hit a home run with minor league free agent who's reached 10 wins four times.

BULLPEN

RH Andrew Bailey (Closer)	The New Jersey native is East Coast through and through, which should help his transition.
RH Mark Melancon	He closed in Houston, but if he can set up in Boston, the Sox could be in business.
RH Alfredo Aceves	Also a candidate to start, the rubber-armed Aceves is a huge weapon as a multi-inning reliever.
LH Felix Doubront	The Sox expected big things out of Doubront last year, and he fizzled. It's make-or-break time.
RH Matt Albers	The 95 mph-throwing Albers was a revelation in the sixth and seventh.
LH Franklin Morales	A second lefty never hurts, which gives Morales the early edge over the oft-injured Bobby Jenks.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The Red Sox received among the worst right field production in baseball last year, and that position will be up for grabs come spring training with J.D. Drew gone and Josh Reddick traded to Oakland. That deal returned Ryan Sweeney, who should get the bulk of the time and projects to play every day against righties. Youngster Ryan Kalish might have challenged him but is recovering from offseason surgeries. That leaves Darnell McDonald as the right-handed-hitting half of the platoon, though this spot will likely be up for grabs in the spring, too.

STATLINE



2011 OPPOSITE FIELD AVG

- 1. Adrian Gonzalez, Red Sox .500**
 2. David Freese, Cardinals... .489
 3. Joe Mauer, Twins..... .449
 4. Dee Gordon, Dodgers443
 5. Brett Wallace, Astros440
- (min. 50 contacts to opp. field)

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

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DH/BENCH In an organization that aims to rate as far above the league average as possible at every position, Ortiz represented the greatest single advantage in the game. He hit 29 homers (28 as the DH). No other DH reached 20. His OPS of .964 ranked more than 100 points higher than No. 2 Victor Martinez. He made his seventh All-Star team and won his fifth Silver Slugger. The 36-year-old is supposed to be on the downside, but outside of a brief interleague slump and a mediocre September (.769 OPS), he was a beast. He accepted arbitration rather than test the market, and the Red Sox will happily return him to the heart of their order. As for the bench, the Sox will have Aviles, Punto and a right-handed outfielder like McDonald, as well as Shoppach, and possibly Lavarnway, who can serve as a right-handed DH.

MANAGEMENT Theo Epstein's departure for the Cubs marked the end of an era in Boston. Over his

nine seasons, the Red Sox won a pair of World Series and became one of the model franchises in the game, last September notwithstanding. Epstein's replacement, Cherington, brings a similar intellect to the position, but with a slightly different focus. Whereas Epstein eventually became seduced by the idea of flexing the team's formidable financial muscle, Cherington is a player development guy at heart. That approach was reflected in his first two major deals, acquiring young arms Melancon and Bailey. Valentine will make for good copy, and though it remains to be seen how his approach will play in Boston, he's universally regarded as a brilliant strategist. The Cherington-Bobby V. partnership could be the perfect marriage — or end in a War of the Roses divorce.

FINAL ANALYSIS If the leaders in that clubhouse have any pride whatsoever, the Red Sox will bounce back in a big way. Outside of Ellsbury, every player on the roster has room to improve, and all of New England — not to mention the rest of baseball — will be watching hawkishly to see how they respond. In a tough-as-nails American League that now includes Albert Pujols, the Red Sox will not skate to the postseason. The key will be the health and conditioning of the starting rotation, with all eyes on Beckett and Buchholz. The Sox have circled the wagons and proclaimed that they're not the freak show everyone thinks. Now comes their chance to prove it.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

BOSTON RED SOX

TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE Red Sox fans may be surprised to hear that when the season was going down in flames and infighting was wracking the clubhouse, the one player to stand up and say something was none other than struggling left fielder Carl Crawford, a team leader in Tampa, who reminded everyone to stick together.

BOBBY V AND TONY C Manager Bobby Valentine grew up in Stamford, Conn., which is right on the fault line between Red Sox fans and Yankees fans. And which side of the line did Valentine grow up on? "The south side," he admits. He knows his Red Sox history, though. He's wearing No. 25 in honor of Red Sox great Tony Conigliaro, with whom he crossed paths in spring training. "I know that a lot of people want it retired in his honor," Valentine says, "and I'd gladly put it up on that wall rather than on my back."

IRON MIKE New Red Sox strength coach Mike Boyle has a long, varied history of success across

all sports. He's the man who helped Cam Neely return to the Bruins with 50 goals in 49 games in 1993 after a devastating knee injury. He's also credited with creating the first NFL Combine superstar in Boston College grad Mike Mamula, who parlayed off-the-charts workouts into becoming the No. 7 overall pick in 1995 by the Eagles. He's also trained MMA standout fighter Kenny Florian, as well as the 2009 National Champion Boston University hockey team, and celebrities like actress Jennifer Garner.

WHATEVER WORKS Add righthander Alfredo Aceves to the list of all-time flaky pitchers. Aceves wears No. 91 in honor of flamboyant former Pistons enforcer Dennis Rodman, does yoga in the clubhouse, and often warms up throwing left-handed for reasons known only to him. The catchers say he speaks his own language on the mound, and it's unlikely any pitcher in baseball shakes off the signs more than Aceves. But at 24-3 lifetime, it's hard to question the results.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK MATT BARNES

Often compared to A.J. Burnett for his mid-90s fastball and knee-buckling curve, Barnes has the size (6'4", 210) and polish to advance quickly. The Red Sox made him the first college righthander taken with their first pick since 1991, and he signed at the August deadline before heading to instructional league. He added nearly 10 mph to his fastball once he began focusing on baseball year-round at UConn. A standout for Team USA, Barnes also dominated on the Cape in 2010 — outpitching the more heralded Anthony Ranaudo in a head-to-head duel — before going 11–5 with a 1.93 ERA and 177 strikeouts in 121 innings as a junior at UConn last year. If he needs work anywhere, it's on creating deception with his fastball and improving his changeup, which is his third pitch.



2010 TOP PICK

Kolbrin Vitek, 2B, Ball State Two seasons into his career, Vitek has been steady but unspectacular as other prospects have surpassed him.

2009 TOP PICK

Reymond Fuentes, CF, Fernando Callejo (PR) School The Red Sox got their money's worth out of Fuentes when they traded him to the Padres for Adrian Gonzalez before last season.

2008 TOP PICK

Casey Kelly, RHP, Sarasota (Fla.) HS Though he was considered the centerpiece of the Gonzalez deal, Kelly has yet to advance beyond Double-A.

2007 TOP PICK

Nick Hagadone, LHP, Washington Sensing a trend here? Hagadone, too, was used to acquire big league talent, going to the Indians for Victor Martinez in 2009.

2006 TOP PICK

Jason Place, OF, Wren (S.C.) HS Theo Epstein didn't miss on many first-rounders, but Place qualifies. He never fixed a flawed swing and was released in 2011.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

3B Will Middlebrooks (23) The heir apparent to Kevin Youkilis; has all the tools to be a power-hitting big league third baseman.

RHP Anthony Ranaudo (22) Considered the best pitcher in the 2010 draft when he slid to the Sox, and he has delivered on his promise.

C Ryan Lavarnway (24) If Kelly Shoppach falters, the power-hitting Lavarnway could get the call.

SS Xander Bogaerts (19) This breakout prospect excelled for Single-A Greenville at age 18, blasting 16 homers.

OF Brandon Jacobs (21) Was committed to play college football (Auburn). He instead joined the Sox and has major power potential.

RED SOX ROSTER

General Manager: Ben Cherington **Manager:** Bobby Valentine **Coaches:** Tim Bogar (bench), Dave Magadan (hitting), Bob McClure (pitching), Alex Ochoa (first base), Jerry Royster (third base), Gary Tuck (bullpen)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	HL	WL	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
91	Alfredo Aceves	R-R	6-3	220	12/8/82	BOSTON	10-2	2.61	55	4	2	114.0	84	42	80	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	0-1	5.63	2	2	0	8.0	6	4	6	
32	Matt Albers	L-R	6-0	205	1/20/83	BOSTON	4-4	4.73	56	0	0	64.2	62	31	68	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	3.0	1	0	0	
48	Scott Atchison	R-R	6-2	200	3/29/76	BOSTON	1-0	3.26	17	0	1	30.1	31	6	17	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	6-2	2.64	36	1	5	61.1	50	9	72	
	Andrew Bailey	R-R	6-3	240	5/31/84	OAKLAND	0-4	3.24	42	0	24	41.2	34	12	2	
						Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	0.00	4	0	0	4.0	3	1	3	
51	Daniel Bard	R-R	6-4	200	6/25/85	BOSTON	2-9	3.33	70	0	1	73.0	46	24	74	
19	Josh Beckett	R-R	6-5	225	5/15/80	BOSTON	13-7	2.89	30	30	0	193.0	146	52	175	
64	Michael Bowden	R-R	6-3	215	9/9/86	BOSTON	0-1	4.70	14	0	0	15.1	20	4	13	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	6-4	3.66	31	16	1	105.2	84	37	77	
	Drake Britton	L-L	6-2	200	5/22/89	Salem (A)	1-13	6.91	26	26	0	97.2	111	55	89	
11	Clay Buchholz	R-R	6-3	190	8/14/84	BOSTON	6-3	3.48	14	14	0	82.2	76	31	60	
	Aaron Cook	L-R	6-3	215	2/8/79	COLORADO	3-10	6.03	18	17	0	97.0	127	37	48	
61	Felix Doubront	L-L	6-2	165	10/23/87	BOSTON	0-0	6.10	11	0	1	10.1	12	8	6	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	2-5	4.22	18	16	0	70.1	65	26	61	
						Portland (AA)	1-0	1.80	1	1	0	5.0	4	0	9	
						Lowell (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	2.0	0	0	4	
53	Rich Hill	L-L	6-5	220	3/11/80	BOSTON	0-0	0.00	9	0	0	8.0	3	3	12	
52	Bobby Jenks	R-R	6-4	275	3/14/81	BOSTON	2-2	6.32	19	0	2	15.2	22	13	17	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	0-0	4.50	2	2	0	2.0	2	1	2	
						Portland (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	1.0	1	0	1	
41	John Lackey	R-R	6-6	245	10/23/78	BOSTON	12-12	6.41	28	28	0	160.0	203	56	108	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	0-0	1.59	1	1	0	5.2	3	0	4	
31	Jon Lester	L-L	6-4	240	1/7/84	BOSTON	15-9	3.47	31	31	0	191.2	166	75	182	
18	Daisuke Matsuzaka	R-R	6-0	185	9/13/80	BOSTON	3-3	5.30	8	7	0	37.1	32	23	26	
	Mark Melancon	R-R	6-2	215	3/28/85	HOUSTON	8-4	2.78	71	0	20	74.1	65	26	66	
30	Andrew Miller	L-L	6-7	210	5/21/85	BOSTON	6-3	5.54	17	12	0	65.0	77	41	50	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	3-3	2.47	13	12	0	65.2	42	35	61	
46	Franklin Morales	L-L	6-0	210	1/24/86	BOSTON	1-1	3.62	36	0	0	32.1	30	11	31	
						COLORADO	0-1	3.86	14	0	0	14.0	10	8	11	
	Vincente Padilla	R-R	6-0	230	9/27/77	LOS ANGELES NL	0-0	4.15	9	0	0	8.2	7	5	9	
74	Stolmy Pimentel	R-R	6-3	165	2/1/90	Portland (AA)	0-9	9.12	15	15	0	50.1	75	23	30	
						Salem (A)	6-4	4.53	11	10	0	51.2	50	16	35	
	Carlos Silva	R-R	6-4	255	4/23/79	Scranton (AAA)	2-1	3.52	4	4	0	23.0	21	4	13	
63	Junichi Tazawa	R-R	5-11	180	6/6/86	BOSTON	0-0	6.00	3	0	0	3.0	3	1	4	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	1-1	2.51	8	0	0	14.1	14	3	19	
						Portland (AA)	3-2	4.70	8	2	0	23.0	20	7	27	
						Salem (A)	0-1	6.05	6	6	0	19.1	20	6	13	
No.	Catchers	B-T	HL	WL	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
92	Luis Exposito	R-R	6-3	210	1/20/87	Pawtucket (AAA)	.242	89	330	33	80	8	36	26	79	0
83	Ryan Lavarnway	R-R	6-4	225	8/7/87	BOSTON	.231	17	39	5	9	2	8	4	10	0
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.295	61	227	40	67	18	55	32	60	1
						Portland (AA)	.284	55	208	35	59	14	38	25	47	0
39	Jarrod Saltalamacchia	S-R	6-4	235	5/2/85	BOSTON	.235	103	358	52	84	16	56	24	119	1
	Kelly Shoppach	R-R	6-0	220	4/29/80	TAMPA BAY	.176	87	221	23	39	11	22	19	79	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	HL	WL	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
78	Lars Anderson	L-L	6-4	215	9/25/87	BOSTON	.000	6	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.265	136	491	65	130	14	78	80	120	5
3	Mike Aviles	R-R	5-10	205	3/13/81	BOSTON	.317	38	101	17	32	2	8	4	17	4
						KANSAS CITY	.222	53	185	14	41	5	31	9	27	10
						Omaha (AAA)	.307	35	140	21	43	9	25	6	17	6
28	Adrian Gonzalez	L-L	6-2	225	5/8/82	BOSTON	.338	159	630	108	213	27	117	74	119	1
76	Jose Iglesias	R-R	5-11	175	1/5/90	BOSTON	.333	10	6	3	2	0	0	0	2	0
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.235	101	357	35	84	1	31	21	58	12
	Will Middlebrooks	R-R	6-4	200	9/9/88	Pawtucket (AAA)	.161	16	56	4	9	2	8	3	18	3
						Portland (AA)	.302	96	371	54	112	18	80	21	95	6
						Lowell (A)	.333	4	12	4	4	3	6	2	1	1
34	David Ortiz	L-L	6-4	230	11/18/75	BOSTON	.309	146	525	84	162	29	96	78	83	1
15	Dustin Pedroia	R-R	5-9	180	8/17/83	BOSTON	.307	159	635	102	195	21	91	86	85	26
	Nick Punto	S-R	5-9	190	11/8/77	ST. LOUIS	.278	63	133	21	37	1	20	25	21	1
						Memphis (AAA)	.200	5	15	2	3	0	0	0	1	0
						Springfield (AA)	.333	7	24	3	8	0	2	2	3	1
16	Marco Scutaro	R-R	5-10	185	10/30/75	BOSTON	.299	113	395	59	118	7	54	38	36	4
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.455	3	11	4	5	0	0	1	0	0
84	Oscar Tejeda	R-R	6-1	170	12/26/89	Portland (AA)	.249	123	457	50	114	5	41	29	101	13
20	Kevin Youkilis	R-R	6-1	220	3/15/79	BOSTON	.258	120	431	68	111	17	80	68	100	3
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.250	2	8	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
No.	Outfielders	B-T	HL	WL	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
13	Carl Crawford	L-L	6-2	215	8/5/81	BOSTON	.255	130	506	65	129	11	56	23	104	18
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.200	2	5	1	1	0	1	1	1	0
2	Jacoby Ellsbury	L-L	6-1	185	9/11/83	BOSTON	.321	158	660	119	212	32	105	52	98	39
55	Ryan Kalish	L-L	6-1	205	3/28/88	Pawtucket (AAA)	.209	22	86	9	18	0	9	8	20	4
						Lowell (A)	.500	2	6	2	3	0	2	1	1	0
	Che-Hsuan Lin	R-R	6-0	180	9/21/88	Pawtucket (AAA)	.235	85	328	49	77	2	25	38	51	16
						Portland (AA)	.268	34	138	23	37	0	11	20	14	12
54	Darnell McDonald	R-R	5-11	205	11/17/78	BOSTON	.236	79	157	26	37	6	24	14	33	2
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.345	9	29	6	10	2	11	5	6	1
	Ryan Sweeney	L-L	6-4	225	2/20/85	OAKLAND	.265	108	264	34	70	1	25	33	48	1



NEW YORK YANKEES

**2012
PREDICTION**

1ST

AL EAST

**2011
RECORD
97-65**

HOME: 52-29 ROAD: 45-36

TEAM STADIUM

Yankee Stadium

TICKETS CAPACITY

718-293-6000 52,325

TEAM WEBSITE

newyork.yankees.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

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2008 89 3rd

2009 103 1st

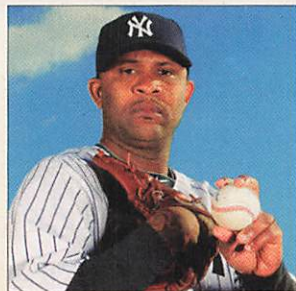
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FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 2B Robinson Cano

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP CC Sabathia



BUY LOW ♦ RP David Robertson

SELL HIGH ♦ SS Derek Jeter

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SP Phil Hughes

IPO ♦ OF Cole Garner

FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Manny Banuelos

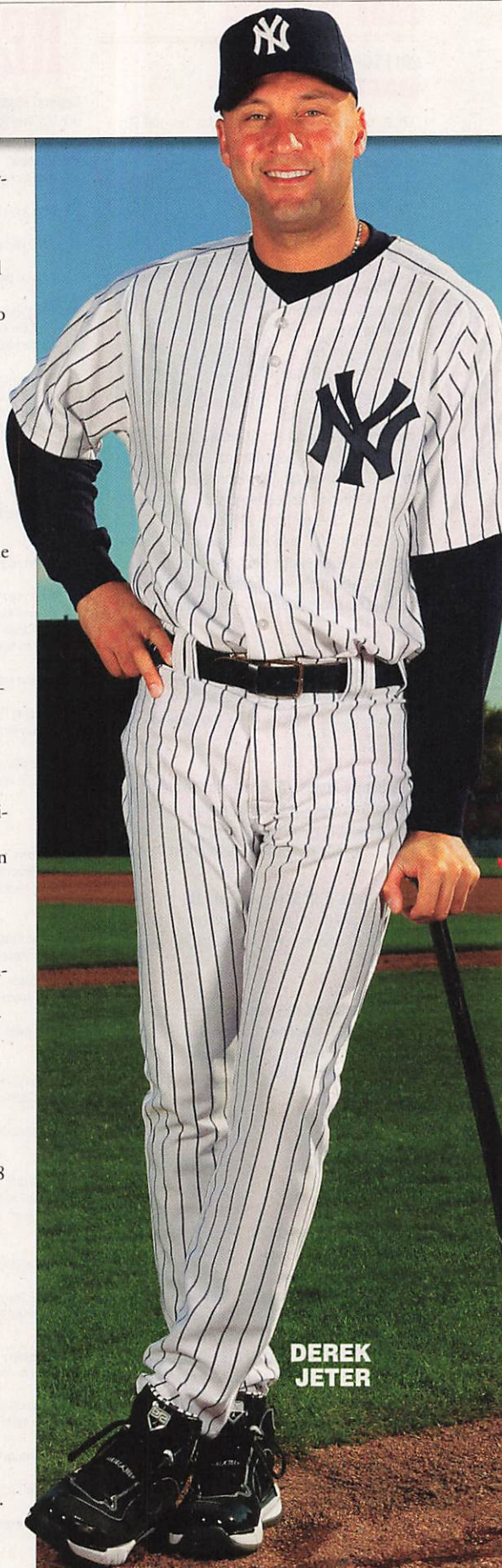
INSIDER TIP ♦ Unlike in Seattle, Michael Pineda will be swimming in support. Keeper leaguers should lock him up for, like, the millennium.

The Yankees fell short of the World Series for the seventh time in eight seasons, but this remains a formidable team. A deep lineup returns, and so does ace lefty CC Sabathia, who fronts a rotation fortified by the additions of veteran Hiroki Kuroda and 23-year-old All-Star Michael Pineda. With those arms, all those hitters, a stingy bullpen, and the money and prospects to have plenty of trade options, the Yankees are poised for another turn in October.

ROTATION The Yankees avoided the doomsday scenario of losing their ace when Sabathia agreed to a one-year contract extension, with a vesting option for a second year, instead of opting out of his contract to explore free agency. Sabathia could end up making \$50 million over the 2016 and 2017 seasons, but the Yankees can afford it, and they had no other options. Sabathia is 64–24 in three years with the Yankees, including a 5–1 mark in the postseason, and at 31, he is still squarely in his prime. He settles a rotation that was much sturdier than expected last season and got a boost in mid-January with the signing of Kuroda and the trade for Pineda, a hard-throwing righty with five years remaining before free agency. Ivan Nova returns after going 16–4 as a rookie, leaving A.J. Burnett, Phil Hughes and Freddy Garcia — once a hard thrower, now a craftsman — to compete for the final spot in the rotation. That gives the Yankees plenty of depth, and they also have a crop of prospects at Class AAA to plug holes during the season.

BULLPEN Despite losing Joba Chamberlain and Pedro Feliciano to injuries — and with Rafael Soriano sidelined for much of the season — the Yankees still posted the best bullpen ERA in the American League, at 3.12. Mariano Rivera was his usual incomparable self, passing Trevor Hoffman for the career saves record and blowing only one save opportunity in the second half. Rivera turned 42 in November, and as he enters the final year of his contract, he has made no commitment about his future. That will be an ongoing storyline, as will the performance of Soriano, who was signed with the notion that he might replace Rivera in 2013. Soriano has a player option for next season, but he must first prove he can repeat his success as a closer while pitching in a set-up role. Last season, David Robertson was the Yankees' most effective set-up man, earning an All-Star spot, fanning 100 batters in 66.2 innings and posting a 1.08 ERA. Boone Logan returns to neutralize lefties, and Chamberlain could be back at midseason if his recovery from Tommy John surgery goes as planned.

MIDDLE INFIELD Derek Jeter was a daily soap opera for months after the 2010 season, with contentious contract negotiations, a sluggish first half and a disabled list stint for a strained calf. But once Jeter zoomed past 3,000 hits — having reached the milestone on a home run off Tampa Bay lefty David Price, as part of a 5-for-5 day — the questions about his age and salary subsided, and Jeter reverted to his status as the revered and reliable Captain. His range at short-stop will never be great, but he makes few mistakes, and at 37, he has a capable backup in Eduardo Nunez. Jeter made 10 starts at DH last season, a career high, and will probably make more in 2012. Second base-



DEREK JETER

DIFFERENCE MAKER MICHAEL PINEDA

After a year with Felix Hernandez, Pineda is used to pitching in the shadow of an established ace. But CC Sabathia's shadow only goes so far. The spotlight will be bright on Pineda, who replaces the Yankees' top hitting prospect, Jesus Montero. The Yankees need Pineda to refine his changeup; the lack of a reliable third pitch helped lead to a 5.12 ERA after his appearance in the All-Star Game for Seattle. At 23, Pineda has the fastball, slider and attitude to succeed. If he learns the changeup and takes advantage of a high-powered offense he never had with the Mariners, Pineda could be a big winner for years to come.

man Robinson Cano, meanwhile, flashed a terrific glove in the field while leaving no doubt that he was the Yankees' best offensive player. Cano finished second in the league in extra-base hits and ranked among the top four in total bases for the third year in a row. He set career highs in runs (104) and RBIs (118), although his walks fell and his strikeouts increased, a trend he must reverse as he tries to extend his prime. At 29 years old, with free agency in his sights after the 2013 season, expect Cano to continue his ascent.

CORNERS The Yankees are still in the first half of the massive contracts for their corner infielders, Alex Rodriguez and Mark Teixeira. And while both remain feared hitters in the middle of the lineup, they are coming off possibly their worst seasons. Teixeira, the first baseman, hit a career-low .248 with an .835 OPS, the lowest figure for him since his rookie season. Rodriguez, the third baseman, had an even lower OPS, .823, his worst since he turned 20. Rodriguez turns 37 in July, and while the three-time MVP vows to work extremely hard every winter, his body keeps betraying him. Rodriguez has not played 140 games in a season since 2007, and he is signed through 2017 at an average annual salary of \$27.5 million. That means Eduardo Nunez could see the bulk of the playing time at third, with Rodriguez seeing more time at DH to stay healthy for the long term while getting the most from his bat. Teixeira remains an elite power hitter, but while he hit .302 from the right side last season, he slumped to .224 as a lefty. That must change, and at 32 this April, Teixeira is still young enough that his 2011 season can be considered more of a fluke than a trend. At least, that is what the Yankees must believe, because at \$22.5 million per year through 2016, they have no other choice.

OUTFIELD The aging infielders carry more star power, but the Yankees get a lot of production from their younger outfield. Center fielder Curtis Granderson, 31, led the team in runs, homers and RBIs, and became the first player ever with 40 homers, 10 triples and 25 steals in the same season. His speed helps him patrol a lot of ground in center field, and left fielder Brett Gardner can track down a lot of balls Granderson might not reach. Gardner is one of the majors' fastest players, and his 49 steals tied for the league lead. Gardner's walk rate declined last year, though he made more contact at the plate and — depending on which advanced defensive metrics you believe — he might save more outs than any other outfielder in the league. Right fielder Nick Swisher has been anemic in the postseason as a Yankee (.160 average), but the Yankees were smart enough to look past that and see the value in his ability to get on base and hit home runs. Swisher is much more dangerous as a right-handed hitter, but he is capable as a lefty. He plays a decent right field, and while Swisher is a bit of a showman, he genuinely loves playing in the Bronx, and the fans appreciate his effort.

STATISTICIAN

- 16 Playoff appearances in the last 17 seasons for the Yankees.
- 222 Homers hit by the 2011 Yankees, most in MLB.
- 152 Homers allowed by the 2011 Yankees, matching the MLB average.
- 81 Extra-base hits for Robinson Cano, second in MLB to Jacoby Ellsbury (83).
- 25.2 Brett Gardner's MLB-leading Ultimate Zone Rating, as compiled by Fangraphs.com.
- .374 On-base percentage for Nick Swisher, best among Yankee regulars in 2011.
- .338 Derek Jeter's average from July 9, 2011, through the end of the regular season.
- 3 Yankees since 1948 to score at least 136 runs: Rickey Henderson (1985), Alex Rodriguez (2007) and Curtis Granderson (2011).
- 1 Baserunners allowed by David Robertson in 19 bases-loaded situations.

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BATTING ORDER

SS Derek Jeter (R)	Quieted critics with a second-half surge that evoked the Jeter of Old, not the Old Jeter.
CF Curtis Granderson (L)	No longer struggles against lefties, with a .272 average and a .597 slugging percentage in 2011.
1B Mark Teixeira (S)	Hit just .239 on balls in play, suggesting bad luck or better defensive positioning against him.
DH Alex Rodriguez (R)	Midseason knee surgery ended his record streak of 13 seasons with at least 30 homers and 100 RBIs.
2B Robinson Cano (L)	A free swinger (just 38 walks), but what a swing it is; seems to hit everything hard.
RF Nick Swisher (S)	Mark it down: good for 20+ homers, 80+ RBIs and .360 on-base percentage every year.
3B Eduardo Nunez (R)	Made 83 starts at various spots last year; allows A-Rod and Jeter to 'rest' as the DH.
C Russell Martin (R)	Professionalism and power give Yanks a big boost and buy time for prospects to mature.
LF Brett Gardner (L)	Yanks love the way he sets the table for the top of the order.

BENCH

C Francisco Cervelli (R)	Solid hitter, but has caught only 13 of 92 potential base-stealers in last two years.
INF Ramiro Pena (S)	Played just 23 games for Yanks last season after spending all of 2010 in majors.
OF Chris Dickerson (L)	Fills a role as pinch-runner and late-inning defensive replacement in right field.
OF Andruw Jones (R)	Former home run champ can still mash, with a .923 OPS against lefties last year.

ROTATION

LH C.C. Sabathia	Eleven MLB seasons, all with a winning record, and he's only 31 years old.
RH Hiroki Kuroda	Made 11 quality starts in 14 post-All-Star break starts for the Dodgers last season.
RH Ivan Nova	Hard to believe the Yankees once lost him in Rule 5 draft — and Padres gave him back.
RH Michael Pineda	Fastball averaged 94.7 mph last year, fourth-best among starters in the majors.
RH A.J. Burnett	Only pitcher in majors with at least 190 innings and an ERA over 5.10 last season.

BULLPEN

RH Mariano Rivera (Closer)	Had 7.5 strikeouts for every walk, the second-best ratio of his storied career.
RH Phil Hughes	Has proven he can start or relieve at the big-league level, but struggled for consistency.
RH Freddy Garcia	Veteran has value as a long man or reliable insurance policy for rotation.
RH Cory Wade	Former Dodger surfaced as useful middle man with curveball/changeup mix.
LH Boone Logan	Lefties and righties had the same OBP off him last season: .328.
RH Rafael Soriano	Before his May elbow injury: 5.40 ERA; after his July return: 3.33.
RH David Robertson	AL-best 13.50 strikeouts per nine innings for

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

When the Yankees added Hiroki Kuroda and Michael Pineda in mid-January, it immediately added spice to spring training. CC Sabathia, Kuroda, Pineda and Ivan Nova earned spots in the 2012 rotation with their performance last year, leaving Freddy Garcia, A.J. Burnett and Phil Hughes to battle for the No. 5 spot. The Yankees have the most money tied into Burnett, who has two years left on his five-year, \$82.5 million contract and pitched well in the playoffs after another erratic regular season. Garcia was effective last season but could fill a role as a spot starter and long reliever. The wild card is Hughes, who has vowed to come to camp in better shape this season.

STATLINE

2011 BATTING AVERAGE ON BUNT ATTEMPTS

1. Brett Gardner, Yankees611
2. Emilio Bonifacio, Marlins593
3. Peter Bourjos, Angels586
- 4t. Corey Patterson, Jays-Cards526
- 4t. Alexi Casilla, Twins526
- 4t. Danny Espinosa, Nationals526 (min. 10 bunt hits)



HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

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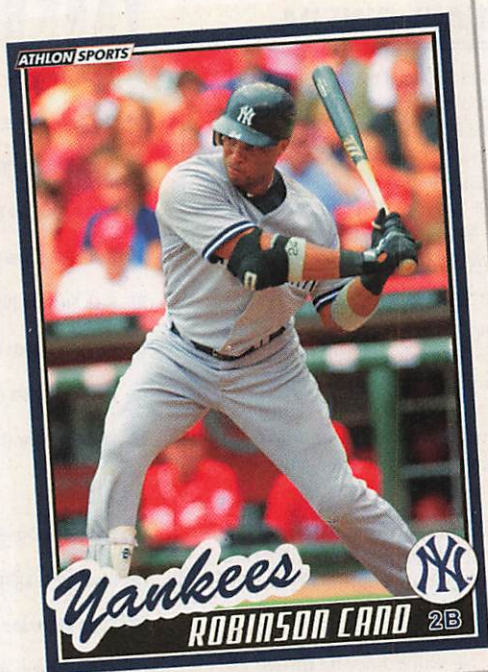
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CATCHING A team rich in catching prospects did not seem like the ideal fit for Russell Martin, but the Yankees were thrilled to add the former Dodger All-Star last winter. He'll be back again in 2012, and not just as a stopgap for Austin Romine or Gary Sanchez. The Yankees loved the way Martin managed the pitching staff, and with 18 homers and 65 RBIs, he was more than adequate as a run producer. Martin can be a free agent after the season, and at that point the Yankees must decide if Romine is ready for full-time duty as the heir to the position held with such dignity by Bill Dickey, Yogi Berra, Elston Howard, Thurman Munson and Jorge Posada.

DH/BENCH With aging superstars like Jeter, Rodriguez — and, to a lesser extent, Teixeira — needing time at designated hitter, Nunez becomes a pivotal piece for the Yankees. Nunez could start for a lot of teams, but the Yankees have resisted trading him because of how easily he

slides into the left side of the infield when Jeter or Rodriguez need a break. Nunez was prone to defensive mistakes (20 errors), but all the tools are there to be a solid fielder, and he stole 22 bases last year as a fill-in. Look for Rodriguez to start most often as the designated hitter to keep his body fresh enough to make the most of the six years left on his contract. Among bench options, Andruw Jones gives the Yankees a strong power bat against lefties.

MANAGEMENT Joe Girardi, who enters his fifth season, excels at the two most important facets of managing this team: maneuvering a deep bullpen to compensate for a so-so rotation, and getting the most from his veterans by knowing when to rest them. Girardi has the firm backing of the Steinbrenner family and general manager Brian Cashman, who re-signed for three more years and has wisely used the Steinbrenner money to build a fearsome major league roster and a strong farm system.

FINAL ANALYSIS The Yankees' bats went cold in the playoffs, but over the long season, this lineup will produce. The Yankees won 97 games last season, and with the improvements to their rotation, they should crack 100 this year and fend off the Red Sox, Rays and Blue Jays for yet another AL East crown.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

NEW YORK YANKEES

HELPING HAND When Dave Robertson's hometown of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was ravaged by a tornado early last season, Robertson did what he does best: provide relief. He visited Tuscaloosa on an off-day and, with his wife Erin, started High Socks For Hope, a foundation to help victims restart their lives. Through November, Robertson had helped raise more than \$200,000, helping fund Habitat for Humanity projects to rebuild homes.

THANKS, PARTNER With a record 603 saves, Mariano Rivera holds all kinds of funky reliever distinctions. Here's another: Rivera, Goose Gossage and John Franco are the only pitchers to record saves for six different Cy Young Award winners. Rivera's spectacular six: Bartolo Colon, David Cone, Roger Clemens, Dwight Gooden, Randy Johnson and CC Sabathia. Interestingly, only Clemens won a Cy Young with the Yankees.

WORLD TRAVELER Curtis Granderson is more than an All-Star center fielder — he is an official interna-

tional ambassador for Major League Baseball. To help further MLB's overseas growth, Granderson has visited Europe, South Africa, China, New Zealand and Taiwan in his offseasons since 2006, conducting clinics and playing in exhibitions.

FAREWELL, GENO For the first time in 50 years, the Yankees will go to spring training without Gene Monahan, who retired at the end of last season. After starting as a bat boy and clubhouse attendant, Monahan became the head trainer in 1973 and for decades also served as a trusted confidant for players and managers. In addition to his medical duties, Monahan fixed players' gloves and inscribed the ball for every Yankee's first major league hit.

DECADES OF DOMINANCE Barring a major collapse, this will be the Yankees' 20th consecutive season finishing over .500. But if they want to set a record, they have a long way to go. Their Yankees ancestors set the major league standard for consecutive winning seasons with 39, from 1926 to 1964.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

DANTE BICHETTE JR.

Manager Joe Girardi named his son Dante, so that tells you how highly he thinks of Dante Bichette Sr., his former teammate on the Colorado Rockies. But drafting Bichette Jr. was no favor to a friend. The Yankees drafted him higher than expected, but they believe the third baseman from Orlando can really play. Bichette Jr. signed quickly, for \$750,000, and then hit .342 in the Gulf Coast League, with a .446 on-base percentage. He projects to be a power hitter in the middle of the order like his father, who belted 274 career home runs, but some scouts expect that he eventually will move to the outfield. Bichette Jr. is used to the spotlight; he played in the 2005 Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., where he hit home runs and also starred as a pitcher.



2010 TOP PICK

Cito Culver, SS, Irondequoit (N.Y.) HS Hit .250 with two homers and 17 errors in 69 games at Low-A Staten Island.

2009 TOP PICK

Slade Heathcott, CF, Texas (Texas) HS Has confronted drinking issues but hasn't really taken off as a prospect.

2008 TOP PICK

Jeremy Bleich, LHP, Stanford Hasn't pitched since shoulder surgery in 2010; Yanks' top '08 pick, Gerrit Cole, spurned them and became top overall pick by Pirates in '11.

2007 TOP PICK

Andrew Brackman, RHP, NC State Wildness plagues this 6'10" righty, who made three appearances with Yanks last year and signed with hometown Reds in December.

2006 TOP PICK

Ian Kennedy, RHP, USC Won 21 games last year for Diamondbacks, who got him in the three-team deal that sent Curtis Granderson to the Yankees.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Dellin Betances (23) Hasn't won a game above Double-A, but his size (6'8") and power stuff earned him a brief late-season cameo.

LHP Manny Banuelos (20) Has more strikeouts than innings, with a 3.02 ERA, across four minor league seasons.

3B Brandon Laird (24) Gerald's brother has outplayed his status as 27th-round draft pick, but to start somewhere, he'll need a trade.

RHP David Phelps (25) The former 14th-rounder has succeeded as a starter at every level; at 25, it's time to see how he can handle the majors.

C Gary Sanchez (19) Smashed 17 homers at Low-A Charleston last season, when he was only 18.

YANKEES ROSTER

General Manager: Brian Cashman **Manager:** Joe Girardi **Coaches:** Mike Harkey (bullpen), Mick Kelleher (first base), Kevin Long (batting), Tony Pena (bench), Larry Rothschild (pitching), Rob Thomson (third base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
	Manny Banuelos	L-L	5-11	155	3/13/91	Scranton/WB (AAA)	2-2	4.19	7	7	0	34.1	36	19	31	
						Trenton (AA)	4-5	3.59	20	20	0	95.1	94	52	94	
68	Dellin Betances	R-R	6-8	260	3/23/88	NEW YORK AL	0-0	6.75	2	1	0	2.2	1	6	2	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	0-3	5.14	4	4	0	21.0	16	15	27	
						Trenton (AA)	4-6	3.42	21	21	0	105.1	86	55	115	
34	A.J. Burnett	R-R	6-4	230	1/3/77	NEW YORK AL	11-11	5.15	33	32	0	190.1	190	83	173	
	Cesar Cabral	L-L	6-3	175	2/11/89	Portland (AA)	2-4	3.52	24	0	1	38.1	41	16	46	
						Salem (A)	1-0	1.62	12	0	8	16.2	15	5	24	
62	Joba Chamberlain	R-R	6-2	240	9/23/85	NEW YORK AL	2-0	2.83	27	0	0	28.2	23	7	24	
31	Pedro Feliciano	L-L	5-10	190	8/25/76	INJURED—Missed Season										
36	Freddy Garcia	R-R	6-4	250	10/6/76	NEW YORK AL	12-8	3.62	26	25	0	146.2	152	45	96	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	1-0	4.50	1	0	0	4.0	8	1	0	
65	Phil Hughes	R-R	6-5	240	6/24/86	NEW YORK AL	5-5	5.79	17	14	0	74.2	84	27	47	
						Trenton (AA)	1-0	1.86	2	2	0	9.2	6	4	11	
						Staten Island (A)	0-0	2.08	1	1	0	4.1	3	1	7	
70	George Kontos	R-R	6-3	215	6/12/85	NEW YORK AL	0-0	3.00	7	0	0	6.0	4	3	6	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	4-4	2.62	40	4	2	89.1	72	26	91	
	Hiroki Kuroda	R-R	6-1	190	2/10/75	LOS ANGELES NL	13-16	3.07	32	32	0	202.0	196	49	161	
48	Boone Logan	R-L	6-5	225	8/13/84	NEW YORK AL	5-3	3.46	43	0	0	41.2	43	13	46	
	Brad Meyers	R-R	6-6	195	9/13/85	Syracuse (AAA)	6-5	3.48	17	16	0	95.2	110	15	74	
						Harrisburg (AA)	3-2	2.48	6	6	0	36.1	35	0	38	
						Auburn (A)	0-0	2.70	2	2	0	6.2	5	0	4	
	D.J. Mitchell	R-R	6-0	160	5/13/87	Scranton/WB (AAA)	13-9	3.18	28	24	0	161.1	155	63	112	
47	Ivan Nova	R-R	6-4	225	1/12/87	NEW YORK AL	16-4	3.70	28	27	0	165.1	163	57	98	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	1-2	3.38	3	3	0	16.0	16	2	18	
	Hideki Okajima	L-L	6-1	195	12/25/75	BOSTON	1-0	4.32	7	0	0	8.1	7	5	6	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	8-1	2.29	34	0	0	51.0	39	9	48	
	David Phelps	R-R	6-2	185	10/9/86	Scranton/WB (AAA)	6-6	3.19	18	18	0	107.1	115	26	90	
						GCL Yankees (R)	1-1	0.00	2	2	0	7.0	4	1	5	
36	Michael Pineda	R-R	6-7	260	1/18/89	SEATTLE	9-10	3.74	28	28	0	171.0	133	55	173	
42	Mariano Rivera	R-R	6-2	185	11/29/69	NEW YORK AL	1-2	1.91	64	0	44	61.1	47	8	60	
30	David Robertson	R-R	5-11	195	4/9/85	NEW YORK AL	4-0	1.08	70	0	1	66.2	40	35	100	
52	CC Sabathia	L-L	6-7	290	7/21/80	NEW YORK AL	19-8	3.00	33	33	0	237.1	230	61	230	
29	Rafael Soriano	R-R	6-1	230	12/19/79	NEW YORK AL	2-3	4.12	42	0	2	39.1	33	18	36	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	1-0	4.50	2	0	0	2.0	1	0	2	
						Tampa (A)	0-1	11.57	2	2	0	2.1	4	0	1	
53	Cory Wade	R-R	6-2	190	5/28/83	NEW YORK AL	6-1	2.04	40	0	0	39.2	33	8	30	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	1-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.2	2	0	1	
						Durham (AAA)	2-1	1.23	21	0	0	36.2	34	6	34	
	Kevin Whelan	R-R	6-0	200	1/8/84	NEW YORK AL	0-0	5.40	2	0	0	1.2	0	5	1	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	2-3	2.75	45	0	23	52.1	38	14	54	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
17	Francisco Cervelli	R-R	6-1	210	3/6/86	NEW YORK AL	.266	43	124	17	33	4	22	9	29	4
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	.154	3	13	2	2	0	1	1	5	0
55	Russell Martin	R-R	5-10	230	2/15/83	NEW YORK AL	.237	125	417	57	99	18	65	50	81	8
71	Austin Romine	R-R	6-0	220	11/22/88	NEW YORK AL	.158	9	19	2	3	0	0	1	5	0
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	.133	4	15	1	2	0	1	0	3	0
						Trenton (AA)	.286	85	336	43	96	6	47	32	60	2
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	David Adams	R-R	6-2	190	5/15/87	Tampa (A)	.308	12	52	6	16	0	4	4	8	0
						GCL Yankees (R)	.429	17	56	13	24	1	11	5	10	2
24	Robinson Cano	L-R	6-0	205	10/22/82	NEW YORK AL	.302	159	623	104	188	28	118	38	96	8
2	Derek Jeter	R-R	6-3	195	6/26/74	NEW YORK AL	.297	131	546	84	162	6	61	46	81	16
						Trenton (AA)	.500	2	4	1	2	0	0	2	1	0
	Corban Joseph	L-R	6-0	170	10/28/88	Trenton (AA)	.277	131	499	75	138	5	58	59	104	4
60	Brandon Laird	R-R	6-1	215	9/11/87	NEW YORK AL	.190	11	21	3	4	0	1	3	4	0
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	.260	123	462	51	120	16	69	17	84	0
26	Eduardo Nunez	R-R	6-0	155	6/15/87	NEW YORK AL	.265	112	309	38	82	5	30	22	37	22
19	Ramiro Pena	S-R	5-11	175	7/18/85	NEW YORK AL	.100	23	40	5	4	1	4	2	11	0
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	.273	55	209	27	57	4	18	20	35	3
						Trenton (AA)	.429	2	7	1	3	0	2	0	1	0
13	Alex Rodriguez	R-R	6-3	230	7/27/75	NEW YORK AL	.276	99	373	67	103	16	62	47	80	4
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	.400	2	5	0	2	0	1	2	1	0
						Tampa (A)	.333	2	6	2	2	1	2	1	3	0
25	Mark Teixeira	S-R	6-3	220	4/11/80	NEW YORK AL	.248	156	589	90	146	39	111	76	110	4
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Zolito Almonte	S-R	5-11	165	6/10/89	Trenton (AA)	.251	46	175	23	44	3	23	14	45	4
						Tampa (A)	.293	70	259	38	76	12	54	31	60	14
27	Chris Dickerson	L-L	6-3	230	4/10/82	NEW YORK AL	.260	60	50	9	13	1	7	2	17	4
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	.241	57	212	33	51	2	16	30	63	18
11	Brett Gardner	L-L	5-10	185	8/24/83	NEW YORK AL	.259	159	510	87	132	7	36	60	93	49
14	Curtis Granderson	L-R	6-1	185	3/16/81	NEW YORK AL	.262	156	583	136	153	41	119	85	169	25
63	Justin Maxwell	R-R	6-5	235	11/6/83	Scranton/WB (AAA)	.260	48	177	36	46	16	35	26	72	11
77	Melky Mesa	R-R	6-1	190	1/31/87	Trenton (AA)	.251	105	386	58	97	9	46	36	129	18
						Tampa (A)	.167	4	12	1	2	0	1	3	4	1
33	Nick Swisher	S-L	5-11	210	11/25/80	NEW YORK AL	.260	150	526	81	137	23	85	95	125	2



TAMPA BAY RAYS

**2012
PREDICTION**

2ND

AL EAST

**2011
RECORD**
91-71

HOME: 47-34 ROAD: 44-37

TEAM STADIUM

Tropicana Field

TICKETS

727-825-3250

CAPACITY

36,048

TEAM WEBSITE

tampabay.rays.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 66 5th

2008 97 1st

2009 84 3rd

2010 96 1st

2011 91 2nd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 3B Evan Longoria

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP David Price



BUY LOW ♦ OF Desmond Jennings

SELL HIGH ♦ SP Jeff Niemann

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ RP Kyle Farnsworth

IPO ♦ SP Matt Moore

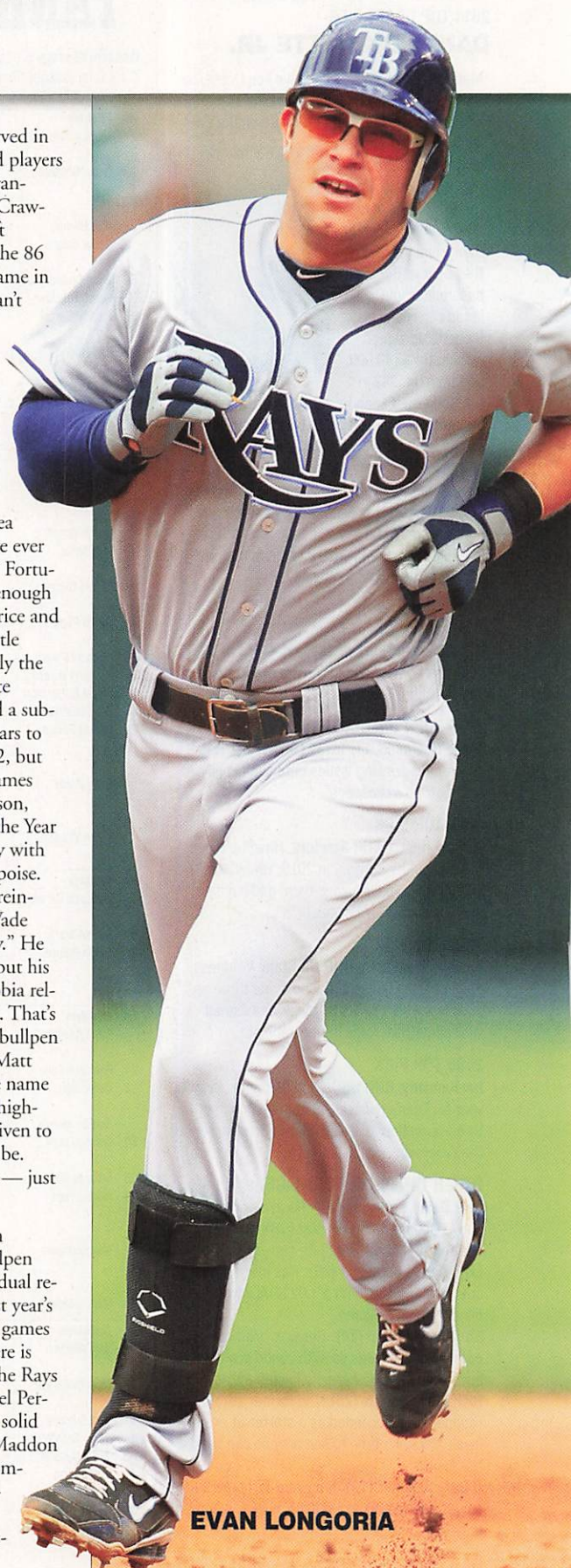
FUTURES MARKET ♦ SS Hak-Ju Lee

INSIDER TIP ♦ Moore is the real deal. He's Strasburgian in potential, and an exception to the rule that inexperienced pitchers should not be drafted high.

You can count the 30 million dollars conserved in 2011 by lopping off the seven-highest paid players from their payroll. You can count all the franchise-record stats that departed with Carl Crawford, the homers and RBIs Carlos Pena left behind, the runs Jason Bartlett saved at shortstop and the 86 percent attrition of bullpen appearances the club overcame in its improbable 91-win season. But the one thing you can't ever do is count out the Tampa Bay Rays. So while they will again be generally regarded as the cheap cuts in the AL East meat-grinder, there is still a feast of pitching, defense and speed on the menu. While those are ingredients for continued success, a look at the only moderately amended batting order begs the same question as last year: Where's the beef?

ROTATION "Starting pitching depth to us is everything," says GM Andrew Friedman. "That's the one area that we can't make great decisions under the radar. If we ever have to go to market for that, we're in a lot of trouble." Fortunately, the only trouble the 2012 Rays have is finding enough baseballs to go around, with two go-to aces in David Price and James Shields. Price's 12-13 record was indicative of little more than the team's spotty run production; he was only the ninth pitcher in history to endure a losing ledger despite punching out 200 batters with an ERA below 3.50 and a sub-1.15 WHIP. Shields, the first 200-inning man in 22 years to shave two runs off his ERA, may not duplicate the 2.82, but he's a warhorse who led the league with 11 complete games and four shutouts. Third in the array is Jeremy Hellickson, who could be a No. 1 for many teams. The Rookie of the Year makes up for a too-high walk rate and ordinary velocity with an impressive repertoire, good life and steely poise. Streaky skyscraper Jeff Niemann, seemingly reinventing himself as a junk-baller, just wins. Wade Davis admits to being "my own worst enemy." He has No. 2-starter stuff and he's competitive, but his fastball command and some adjustment-phobia relegate him at the bottom edge of the rotation. That's five — so someone will have to move to the bullpen (or another city) to clear room for phenom Matt Moore, who, in the other league, goes by the name "Strasburg." The 22-year-old with effortless high-90s cheddar and myriad other weapons is driven to be great — which, by all indications, he will be. Young Alex Cobb is also ready for a rotation — just not this one.

BULLPEN For the second straight year, an "Under Construction" sign hangs on the bullpen gate. Thanks especially to Kyle Farnsworth's dual redefinition as a closer and a strike-thrower, last year's came together fairly well. At 35, he saved 25 games — two shy of his previous 12-year total. There is concern that his elbow is a time bomb, but the Rays were secure enough to pick up his option. Joel Peralta doesn't profile as one, but he would be a solid ninth-inning option if needed. Skipper Joe Maddon calls him Campeón (The Champion) and compares his competitive moxie to that of an undersized boxer. One-time 37-save man Fernando Rodney, who while a Tiger was sus-



EVAN LONGORIA

DIFFERENCE MAKER MATT MOORE

Last fall, Moore's only care in the world was that, "I keep hoping my facial hair will come in a little thicker." His first handful of big league appearances later, his bank account got \$14 million (and potentially \$40 million) thicker thanks to his sublime ability. In the final week of the regular season, he beat the Yankees in the first start ever by a major leaguer to feature 11 strikeouts in five scoreless innings. Eight days later, as the youngest AL pitcher ever to make the initial start of his team's postseason, Moore blanked the Rangers over seven.

ended for heaving a ball into The Trop press box, heads a list of three righties brought in to compete with holdover Brandon Gomes. Rodney still throws 95 with a 12-mph separation from his deluxe change-up, but he has had little command and a recent encounter with back problems. The others were sinkerballer Burke Badenhop (from Miami) and power-armed kid Josh Lueke (from Seattle). Southpaws vying for a role include former closer J.P. Howell and ex-elite prospect Jake McGee (neither of whom has recouped pre-surgery form), as well as the underwhelming Cesar Ramos.

MIDDLE INFIELD Ben Zobrist gave his defensive GPS a rest last season and settled in as the regular second baseman with just an occasional detour to right field. He split the difference between his All-Star breakout of 2009 and all-out pratfall of 2010 — still enough to brand him one of the better bats around at his position. He's also a Gold Glove without the hardware to show for it. Likewise, the leather doesn't come much smoother than what Reid Brignac flashes at shortstop. But because he bears zero resemblance to the hitter who put up promising numbers in the minors, he often cedes time to Sean Rodriguez. The latter hasn't hit much, either, but anyone with his bat speed must stay in the mix.

CORNERS While teams with "real" money in the bank were rasslin' over the likes of Albert Pujols and Prince Fielder, the Rays blew their projected budget by re-signing Pena for \$7.25 million. Powerful, popular and ecstatic to be back, he's worth 20 more home runs than they got from Casey Kotchman in 2011, and is just as slick defensively. At the other corner is franchise cornerstone Evan Longoria. If he can stay healthy and put two halves together, neither of which he did in 2011, he's capable of supplying Pujolsian production at 20 cents on the dollar.

OUTFIELD It was only two and a half months, but in Desmond Jennings' trial spin as the Tampa Bay left fielder, he was everything Crawford was — and sometimes more. Though a late slump depressed his stats, the rookie revealed expectation-exceeding pop and patience to go with his searing speed and scintillating glove. He's a center fielder playing left — if or until the Rays desaddle from B.J. Upton. A seven-year vet at 27, Upton is as enigmatic as ever. Skilled enough to be a two-time 20-20 man, he gives away far more at-bats than anyone on the team, as his .240 average since 2009 corroborates. No question he can outrun the ball and throw it as well as anyone at the position. In right, Matt Joyce made the All-Star team, then scuffled. It was, on balance, a nice step forward for another high-ceiling hitter who's also a defensive standout. If he still can't solve lefties (.196 career average), his platoon partner will be Brandon Guyer, an overachieving 'tweener of a prospect with a strong minor league résumé.

STATISTICIAN

- 52 Games this season against the Yankees, Red Sox, Angels and Marlins — teams whose payroll is triple that of the Rays.
- 764 Consecutive games started by Rays pitchers younger than 30 through the end of last season, smashing a 94-year-old modern-era record by 60. (The streak will end with James Shields' first start of 2012).
- 37.5 Percent drop in local television ratings by the Rays in 2011, despite the 91-win season.
- 1 Day more with the club by B.J. Upton than Shields, making him the longest-tenured Ray.
- 3 Of the four most team-favorable contracts in baseball, according to former GM Jim Bowden on ESPN.com (David Price, Evan Longoria and Matt Moore, behind No. 1 Robinson Cano).

RAYS

BATTING ORDER

LF Desmond Jennings (R)	Only player in baseball with 10 homers and 20 steals from July 23 (his 2011 season debut) forward.
CF B.J. Upton (R)	Sole player with at least 50 home runs and 100 stolen bases over the last three seasons.
2B Ben Zobrist (S)	Has hit .221 or lower at The Trop in five of his six seasons, but .285 on road since 2008.
3B Evan Longoria (R)	His 401 RBIs represent an AL record for a third baseman in his first four seasons.
1B Carlos Pena (L)	Led NL qualifiers by ripping 52.2% of his hits for extra bases, but had the second-lowest average (.225).
RF Matt Joyce (L)	Just three career HRs vs. lefties — all in a span of 13 trips against them last year.
DH Luke Scott (L)	Ex-Oriole is the only player to launch six HRs onto Eutaw Street beyond the Camden Yards fence.
C Jose Molina (R)	Two-time AL caught-stealing percentage leader who's nabbed two of every five in his career.
SS Reid Brignac (L)	Eighth-lowest average among players with 200 PAs in 2011, but Rays went 46-30 in his starts.

BENCH

INF Sean Rodriguez (R)	Per ESPN Home Run Tracker, scorched the hardest-hit longball (118.4 mph) of 2011.
OF Sam Fuld (L)	Was the AL batting leader at .366 on April 22, then collapsed to .203 in his final 87 games.
UT Elliot Johnson (S)	Highest shortstop fielding percentage (.993) among players with at least 50 games there in 2011.
C Jose Lobaton (S)	Raked .307 in minors (career high by far) in 2011, but is only 7-for-51 as a big leaguer.

ROTATION

LH David Price	First pitcher since Tom Glavine to start a playoff, All-Star and Opening Day game before turning 25.
RH James Shields	Each 2011 triple crown stat (16 wins, 2.82 ERA and 225 SOs) was second-best in Rays annals.
RH Jeremy Hellickson	Topped the AL with a .167 opponents batting average with runners in scoring position.
RH Jeff Niemann	Second-highest winning percentage (.623) in history by a 6'9" or taller pitcher, behind Randy Johnson's .646.
LH Matt Moore	Led short- or full-season minor leaguers in strikeouts per nine innings each of last four seasons.

BULLPEN

RH Kyle Farnsworth (Closer)	Second-lowest career ERA (1.87) at The Trop among relievers with at least 50 IP there.
RH Joel Peralta	Led major league relievers by limiting first batters to an on-base percentage of .099.
RH Fernando Rodney	Saddled with highest WHIP (1.55) in the majors since 2008 among pitchers with at least 200 outings.
RH Wade Davis	Held hitters to .161 average with RISP/two outs in 2010-11 — No. 1 among AL starters.
RH Brandon Gomes	Limited right-handed batters to 18 hits in 83 at-bats (.217 average).
LH J.P. Howell	Allowed .169 average with runners in scoring position in 2008, but .308 in his other five seasons.
RH Burke Badenhop	Ranked 10th in the majors (min. 60 IP) with a 58.5 percent ground ball rate.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Shortstop will be an open competition between Sean Rodriguez and Reid Brignac. If neither separates himself, Joe Maddon could revert to last year's chaos theory, when he started Brignac 76 times, Rodriguez 49 (plus 59 at other positions) and Elliot Johnson 37. A strong spring could earn rookie Brandon Guyer the righty half of a platoon with either Luke Scott (at DH) or Matt Joyce (in right). Jose Lobaton (the favorite) and Robinson Chirinos are grappling to ride shotgun next to Jose Molina, who should catch at least half the time. Six starting pitchers will compete for five spots, with either Jeff Niemann or Wade Davis likely to be dealt.

STATLINE

PICKOFFS BY RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER, 2011

1. James Shields, Rays	14
2. Kyle Drabek, Blue Jays	7
3t. Carl Pavano, Twins	6
3t. Jered Weaver, Angels	6
5t. A.J. Burnett, Yankees	5
5t. R.A. Dickey, Mets	5



HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

SCHEDULE

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					NY	NY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
NY	DET	DET	DET	BOS	BOS	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
BOS	BOS	TOR	TOR	TOR	MIN	MIN
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
MIN	LAA	LAA	LAA	TEX	TEX	
29	30					
TEX	SEA					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		SEA	SEA	SEA	OAK	OAK
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
OAK	NY	NY	NY	BAL	BAL	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
BAL	TOR	TOR	BOS	BOS	ATL	ATL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
ATL	TOR	TOR	TOR	BOS	BOS	
27	28	29	30	31		
BOS	CWS	CWS	CWS			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					BAL	BAL
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BAL	NY	NY	NY	MIA	MIA	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
MIA	NYM	NYM	NYM	MIA	MIA	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
MIA	WAS	WAS	WAS	PHI	PHI	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
PHI	KC	KC	KC	DET	DET	DET

JULY

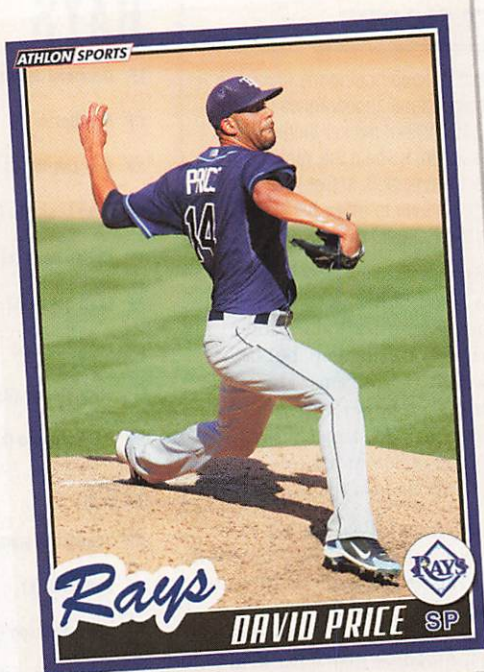
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CLE					BOS	BOS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
BOS	CLE	CLE	CLE	CLE	SEA	SEA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SEA	BAL	BAL	BAL	LAA	LAA	
29	30	31				
LAA	OAK	OAK				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			OAK	BAL	BAL	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
BAL		TOR	TOR	TOR	MIN	MIN
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MIN	SEA	SEA	LAA	LAA	LAA	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
LAA	KC	KC	KC	OAK	OAK	OAK
26	27	28	29	30	31	
TEX	TEX	TEX	TOR			

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						TOR
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TOR	NY	NY	NY	TEX	TEX	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
TEX	BAL	BAL	BAL	NY	NY	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
NY	BOS	BOS	BOS	BOS	TOR	TOR
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
TOR	BOS	BOS	CWS	CWS	CWS	
30	1	2	3			
CWS	BAL	BAL	BAL			



CATCHING The Rays feel they got a free agent steal in Jose Molina to replace John Jaso, who was dealt for Lueke. Certainly the defensive upgrade was colossal. One's been the toughest catcher on whom to steal the last four years (39.0 percent caught stealing) the other among the easiest. One treats the job as "an art," according to his former manager, John Farrell; the other never really got the hang of it. Molina, though, is 36, offensively challenged and without a 300-at-bat season.

DH/BENCH A deep, versatile bench is Maddon's lifeblood. Zobrist, Rodriguez and Elliot Johnson can play almost anywhere, enabling the manager to conjure all sorts of matchup edges. Utility outfielder Sam Fuld is a treasure, especially defensively and attitudinally. "There are a lot of average Americans who can identify with this fellow," extols Maddon. Youngsters Jose Lobaton and/or Robinson Chirinos will be Molina's caddy. Do-it-all rookie

Stephen Vogt and outfielder Justin Ruggiano could stick, although Friedman was still trolling for a more proven right-handed bat well into January. He did turn up Luke Scott, fresh off shoulder surgery, as his primary DH. The powerful former Oriole, who also could see spot play at first or in left, seems always to be in either a torrid groove or a subterranean slump.

MANAGEMENT Friedman, Maddon, team president Matt Silverman and owner Stu Sternberg enjoy a symbiosis that's rare in sports. Their skills, smarts, sophistication and sensibilities fuse to make the franchise more than the sum of its parts. The challenge is to keep the "fab four" together. Sternberg must wrangle a new stadium or pack up and move to stay financially viable; Friedman already has been approached by other teams; and Maddon's contract expires at the end of the season.

FINAL ANALYSIS The Rays' offensive muscle is well south of average, but they have pitching to be plundered, speed to spare and defense to die for. That may not be good enough in their treacherous division, since it took a scenario that Maddon called "beyond fiction" to get them into the playoffs last year. Still, there's an X-factor about this bunch that can't be minimized. "I dig the way the Rays play baseball," Maddon says. And while Sternberg laments that, fiscally, "there are 29 other teams passing us like we're going in reverse," he hastens to add, "except on the field."

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

TAMPA BAY RAYS

CHAMBER-MADE Joe Maddon has concocted 127 different batting orders per season as Rays manager, including 130 in 2011. Well, technically 129. While speaking to a Chamber of Commerce group last April 15, he had them vote on that night's order against the Twins. Keyed by Matt Joyce's three hits out of the unfamiliar 3-hole, the Rays won, 5-2 — and Joyce was back in that spot the next day.

MICRO MANAGER According to the Bill James Handbook, Maddon led AL skippers in pinch-hitters used each of the last four years, in utilizing relievers on consecutive days in three straight seasons, and in total calls to the pen in two of the last three.

HURTS SO GOOD — AND BAD Should Jeff Niemann get hurt again in 2012, expect a different pitcher after he recovers — one way or the other. Prior to going on the DL in 2010, he was 10-3 with a 3.12 ERA; following his return, he went 2-5, 9.82. Last season he was 1-4, 5.74 when sidelined, but 10-3, 3.55 after coming back.

STERN WARNING Owner Stu Sternberg seems to be reaching the end of his mental and fiscal rope on the attendance issue, making statements such as: "It won't be my decision, or solely my decision, but eventually, major league baseball is going to vaporize this team. ... To run a payroll like we do now, basically the second-lowest in baseball, and barely keep our nose above water, we can't sustain that. ... (The way the club operates is) untenable as a model going forward."

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO? Even if the Devil is no longer in the Rays name, it's definitely in the details of where a new stadium — or even the franchise itself — should be located. The club has a lease to play at Tropicana Field through 2027. All agree the facility is substandard, but St. Petersburg mayor Bill Foster is as intractable as the dome atop it regarding where its replacement should be built. "The city is prepared for interference from Major League Baseball and all of the (Bud) Selig tricks that have been used successfully elsewhere," he growls.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

TAYLOR GUERRIERI

One opposition scout claims that Guerrieri has the best arm he's ever seen on a high schooler. If the South Carolina righthander has the head to match, the Rays got a bargain at No. 24. An off-field incident and subsequent high school transfer spooked some teams, but Guerrieri's stuff — a heavy running fastball with mid-90s velocity and a power curve with sharp bend — is undeniable. Those two pitches were enough to forge a 1.10 ERA facing fellow teens, and his strong work ethic implies that he'll soon be ready to bust out the change-up and cutter he's been working on. His goal to reach The Show within two years is a bit ambitious, but his ceiling is higher than any pitcher in the system save Matt Moore's. Guerrieri, the first of the club's unprecedented bonanza of 10 picks among the first 60, will throw his first pro pitch this spring.



2010 TOP PICK

Josh Sale, OF, Bishop Blanchet (Wash.) HS Scuffled in low minors and did not handle his first encounter with adversity well at times.

2009 TOP PICK

Todd Glaesmann, OF, Midway (Texas) HS Big, athletic and raw when he was the team's highest pick (third round) to sign, he's still big, athletic and raw.

2008 TOP PICK

Tim Beckham, SS, Griffin (Ga.) HS It's not likely he'll ever justify his No. 1 overall selection, but still could become a serviceable big leaguer.

2007 TOP PICK

David Price, LHP, Vanderbilt Quickly emerged as that elusive "true No. 1" starter. Franchise cornerstone.

2006 TOP PICK

Evan Longoria, 3B, Long Beach State Offensive equivalent of Price — one of the game's top 10 properties.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

LHP Matt Moore (22) Has punched out 34 percent of the professional hitters he's faced and seems impervious to pressure.

SS Hak-Ju Lee (21) Now looks like the best of the prospects obtained for Matt Garza; could be by 23 what Erick Aybar is at 28.

OF Mikie Mahtook (22) Last year's 31st overall pick had .954 OPS in fall ball; all tools are average-to-plus, and Maddon says he has the "good face."

LHP Enny Romero (21) Humiliated short-season competition in 2010 and, despite some command issues, punched out 140 Low-A'ers in 114 IP last year.

OF Drew Veltleson (20) Choice No. 42 in 2010 has passed Sale, a fellow Washingtonian; similar skills set as Mahtook.

RAYS ROSTER

Executive Vice President: Andrew Friedman **Manager:** Joe Maddon **Coaches:** Stan Boroski (bullpen), Tom Foley (third base), George Hendrick (first base), Jim Hickey (pitching), Dave Martinez (bench), Derek Shelton (batting), Don Zimmer



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
35	Christopher Archer	R-R	6-3	185	9/26/88	Durham (AAA)	1-0	0.69	2	2	0	13.0	11	6	12	
	Burke Badenhop	R-R	6-5	220	2/8/83	Montgomery (AA)	8-7	4.42	25	25	0	134.1	136	80	118	
						FLORIDA	2-3	4.10	50	0	1	63.2	65	24	51	
						New Orleans (AAA)	1-1	6.75	11	0	1	14.2	20	7	10	
44	Matt Bush	R-R	5-9	180	2/8/86	Montgomery (AA)	5-3	4.83	36	0	5	50.1	48	24	77	
53	Alex Cobb	R-R	6-2	195	10/7/87	TAMPA BAY	3-2	3.42	9	9	0	52.2	49	21	37	
						Durham (AAA)	5-1	1.87	12	12	0	67.1	61	16	70	
	Alexander Colome	R-R	6-2	185	12/31/88	Montgomery (AA)	3-4	4.15	9	9	0	52	41	28	31	
						Charlotte (A)	9-5	3.66	19	19	0	105.2	78	44	92	
40	Wade Davis	R-R	6-5	220	9/7/85	TAMPA BAY	11-10	4.45	29	29	0	184.0	190	63	105	
49	Dane De La Rosa	R-R	6-7	245	2/1/83	TAMPA BAY	0-0	9.82	7	0	0	7.1	10	3	8	
						Durham (AAA)	6-5	3.20	52	0	6	70.1	63	26	83	
43	Kyle Farnsworth	R-R	6-4	230	4/14/76	TAMPA BAY	5-1	2.18	63	0	25	57.2	45	12	51	
47	Brandon Gomes	R-R	5-11	175	7/15/84	TAMPA BAY	2-1	2.92	40	0	0	37.0	34	16	32	
						Durham (AAA)	0-1	1.07	20	0	7	25.1	17	7	40	
58	Jeremy Hellickson	R-R	6-1	185	4/8/87	TAMPA BAY	13-10	2.95	29	29	0	189.0	146	72	117	
74	J.P. Howell	L-L	6-0	195	4/25/83	TAMPA BAY	2-3	6.16	46	0	1	30.2	30	18	26	
						Durham (AAA)	0-0	0.00	4	0	0	3.2	5	1	5	
						Charlotte (A)	0-1	2.70	3	3	0	3.1	3	1	4	
	Josh Lueke	R-R	6-5	235	12/5/84	SEATTLE	1-1	6.06	25	0	0	32.2	34	13	29	
						Tacoma (AAA)	2-4	2.76	30	0	11	42.1	34	12	35	
57	Jake McGee	L-L	6-3	230	8/6/86	TAMPA BAY	5-2	4.50	37	0	0	28.0	30	12	27	
						Durham (AAA)	4-2	2.70	24	0	9	33.1	30	8	38	
55	Matt Moore	L-L	6-2	205	6/18/89	TAMPA BAY	1-0	2.89	3	1	0	9.1	9	3	15	
						Durham (AAA)	4-0	1.37	9	9	0	52.2	33	18	79	
						Montgomery (AA)	8-3	2.20	18	18	0	102.1	68	28	131	
34	Jeff Niemann	R-R	6-9	260	2/28/83	TAMPA BAY	11-7	4.06	23	23	0	135.1	131	37	105	
						Durham (AAA)	1-1	3.86	2	2	0	9.1	10	3	8	
						Charlotte (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	4.0	1	0	2	
62	Joel Peralta	R-R	5-11	195	3/23/76	TAMPA BAY	3-4	2.93	71	0	6	67.2	44	18	61	
14	David Price	L-L	6-6	225	8/26/85	TAMPA BAY	12-13	3.49	34	34	0	224.1	192	63	218	
27	Cesar Ramos	L-L	6-2	205	6/22/84	TAMPA BAY	0-1	3.92	59	0	0	43.2	36	25	31	
						Durham (AAA)	2-0	4.50	4	0	0	4.0	5	2	1	
	Fernando Rodney	R-R	5-11	220	3/18/77	LOS ANGELES AL	3-5	4.50	39	0	3	32	26	28	26	
						Inland Empire (A)	0-0	9.00	2	1	0	2	2	1	3	
	Wilking Rodriguez	R-R	6-1	160	3/2/90	Bowling Green (A)	0-3	4.66	9	9	0	36.2	38	14	34	
						Hudson Valley (A)	1-1	6.48	2	2	0	8.1	10	2	9	
33	James Shields	R-R	6-4	220	12/20/81	TAMPA BAY	16-12	2.82	33	33	0	249.1	195	65	225	
50	Albert Suarez	R-R	6-2	185	10/8/89	Charlotte (A)	1-1	2.76	4	3	0	16.1	13	3	7	
						GCL Devil Rays (R)	0-0	1.38	4	4	0	13	10	5	10	
56	Alexander Torres	L-L	5-10	175	12/8/87	TAMPA BAY	1-1	3.38	4	0	0	8.0	8	7	9	
						Durham (AAA)	9-7	3.08	27	27	0	146.1	134	83	156	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
41	Nevin Ashley	R-R	6-1	215	8/14/84	Durham (AAA)	.218	32	101	9	22	2	15	5	29	0
						Montgomery (AA)	.280	80	279	35	78	6	33	36	66	2
38	Robinson Chirinos	R-R	6-1	195	6/5/84	TAMPA BAY	.218	20	55	4	12	1	7	5	13	0
						Durham (AAA)	.259	78	282	24	73	6	24	29	69	1
31	Jose Lobaton	S-R	6-0	195	10/21/84	TAMPA BAY	.121	14	33	2	4	0	0	4	7	0
						Durham (AAA)	.293	54	184	24	54	8	31	37	50	0
						Charlotte (A)	.444	6	18	0	8	0	2	2	5	0
	Jose Molina	R-R	6-2	250	6/3/75	TORONTO	.281	55	171	19	48	3	15	15	44	2
	Stephen Vogt	L-R	6-0	215	11/1/84	Durham (AAA)	.290	31	124	15	36	4	20	4	29	0
						Montgomery (AA)	.301	97	386	52	116	13	85	30	51	4
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
15	Reid Brignac	L-R	6-3	195	1/16/86	TAMPA BAY	.193	92	249	18	48	1	15	10	63	3
						Durham (AAA)	.281	11	39	7	9	1	4	7	6	0
45	Russ Canzler	R-R	6-2	220	4/11/86	TAMPA BAY	.333	3	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
						Durham (AAA)	.314	131	474	78	149	18	83	67	129	5
9	Elliot Johnson	S-R	6-0	190	3/9/84	TAMPA BAY	.194	70	160	20	31	4	17	14	53	6
3	Evan Longoria	R-R	6-2	210	10/7/85	TAMPA BAY	.244	133	483	78	118	31	99	80	93	3
						Montgomery (AA)	.267	4	15	5	4	3	3	1	2	0
46	Juan Miranda	L-L	6-0	220	4/25/83	ARIZONA	.213	65	174	18	37	7	23	23	48	0
	Carlos Pena	L-L	6-2	225	5/17/78	CHICAGO NL	.225	154	493	72	111	28	80	101	161	2
1	Sean Rodriguez	R-R	6-0	200	4/26/85	TAMPA BAY	.223	131	373	45	83	8	36	38	87	11
18	Ben Zobrist	S-R	6-3	200	5/26/81	TAMPA BAY	.269	156	588	99	158	20	91	77	128	19
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
5	Sam Fuld	L-L	5-10	180	11/20/81	TAMPA BAY	.240	105	308	41	74	3	27	32	49	20
30	Brandon Guyer	R-R	6-1	210	1/28/86	TAMPA BAY	.195	15	41	7	8	2	3	1	9	0
						Durham (AAA)	.312	107	388	78	121	14	61	35	79	16
8	Desmond Jennings	R-R	6-2	200	10/30/86	TAMPA BAY	.259	63	247	44	64	10	25	21	59	20
						Durham (AAA)	.275	89	338	68	93	12	39	45	78	17
20	Matt Joyce	L-R	6-2	205	8/3/84	TAMPA BAY	.277	141	462	69	128	19	75	49	106	13
16	Justin Ruggiano	R-R	6-2	205	4/12/82	TAMPA BAY	.248	46	105	11	26	4	13	4	26	1
						Durham (AAA)	.304	43	168	29	51	7	34	20	42	12
	Luke Scott	L-R	6-0	205	6/25/78	BALTIMORE	.220	64	209	24	46	9	22	24	54	1
						Bowie (AA)	.500	3	10	5	5	3	7	2	2	0
2	B.J. Upton	R-R	6-3	185	8/21/84	TAMPA BAY	.243	153	560	82	136	23	81	71	161	36



TORONTO BLUE JAYS

**2012
PREDICTION**

4TH

AL EAST

**2011
RECORD
81-81**

HOME: 42-39 ROAD: 39-42

TEAM STADIUM

Rogers Centre

TICKETS CAPACITY

416-341-1000 50,516

TEAM WEBSITE

toronto.bluejays.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 83 3rd

2008 86 4th

2009 75 4th

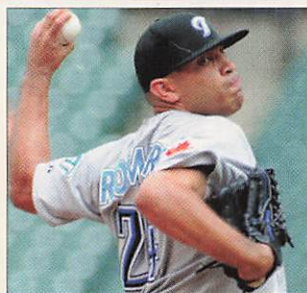
2010 85 4th

2011 81 4th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ OF Jose Bautista

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Ricky Romero



BUY LOW ♦ 3B Brett Lawrie

SELL HIGH ♦ OF Rajai Davis

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SP Dustin McGowan

IPO ♦ 1B David Cooper

FUTURES MARKET ♦ OF Anthony Gose

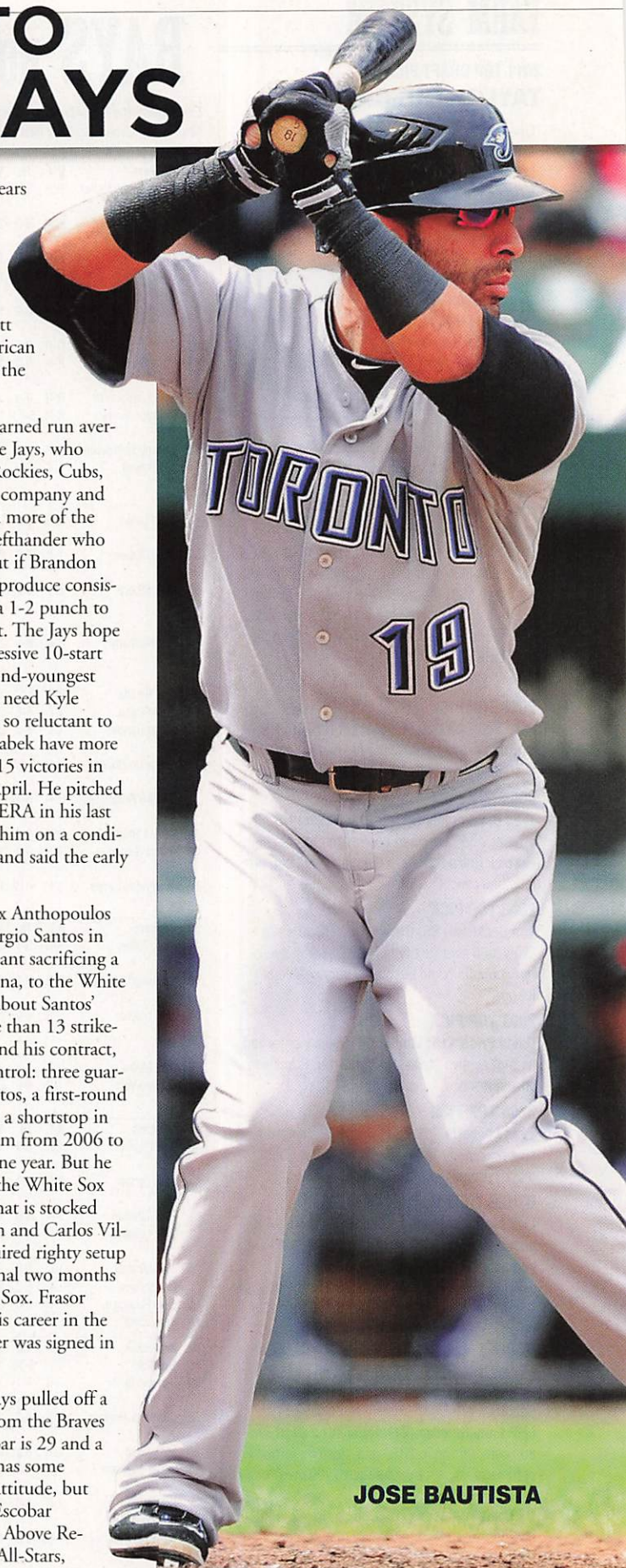
INSIDER TIP ♦ Sorting through the young pitching, it will be Henderson Alvarez, and not Kyle Drabek, who becomes a top half-of-the-rotation stand-out in time.

The Blue Jays have gone nearly 20 years since their last trip to the postseason, but that drought seems likely to end soon, perhaps as soon as this year. Toronto will contend if its starting pitchers continue to improve, and young position players like Yunel Escobar, Brett Lawrie and Adam Lind complement the American League's top slugger last year, Jose Bautista, in the lineup.

ROTATION Only five teams had a higher earned run average from their starters last season than the Blue Jays, who checked in at 4.55, ahead of only the Twins, Rockies, Cubs, Royals and Orioles. To escape such inglorious company and become serious contenders, the Blue Jays need more of the same from ace Ricky Romero, a 27-year-old lefthander who improves every year. They also need to find out if Brandon Morrow can harness his exceptional stuff and produce consistent, top-level results. If he can, the Jays have a 1-2 punch to contend with the tough lineups of the AL East. The Jays hope that Henderson Alvarez can build off an impressive 10-start audition late last season, when he was the second-youngest starting pitcher in the major leagues, and they need Kyle Drabek to show why the Phillies were initially so reluctant to give him up for Roy Halladay. Alvarez and Drabek have more upside than Brett Cecil, the lefty who earned 15 victories in 2010 but was shipped back to Class AAA in April. He pitched well for a while, but finished 0-7 with a 5.16 ERA in his last 10 starts in the big leagues. The Blue Jays put him on a conditioning program to lose weight this offseason and said the early results were encouraging.

BULLPEN General manager Alex Anthopoulos was overjoyed to trade for closer Sergio Santos in early December, even though it meant sacrificing a top pitching prospect, Nestor Molina, to the White Sox in return. Anthopoulos raved about Santos' "strikeout stuff" — he averaged more than 13 strikeouts per nine innings last year — and his contract, which includes six years of club control: three guaranteed, and three option years. Santos, a first-round draft pick by the Diamondbacks as a shortstop in 2002, played in the Jays' farm system from 2006 to 2008, actually hitting 20 homers one year. But he found his calling as a pitcher with the White Sox and now leads a Toronto bullpen that is stocked with former starters like Jesse Litsch and Carlos Villanueva. In January, the Jays reacquired righty setup man Jason Frasor, who spent the final two months of the 2011 season with the White Sox. Frasor spent the first seven-plus years of his career in the Jays' bullpen. Veteran Darren Oliver was signed in January as a situational lefty.

MIDDLE INFIELD The Blue Jays pulled off a steal when they snagged Escobar from the Braves in a five-player deal in 2010. Escobar is 29 and a good fielder who gets on base and has some power. Critics have said he has an attitude, but with that kind of on-field profile, Escobar helps a team win. Judging by Wins Above Replacement, only the Blue Jays' two All-Stars,



JOSE BAUTISTA

DIFFERENCE MAKER BRANDON MORROW

The Jays could use an ace to match up with the Sabathias, Lesters and Prices of the AL East. Ricky Romero has been excellent, but harnessing Morrow's talents is critical to joining the division's elite. Strikeouts are an obvious indicator of dominance, and in both Toronto seasons, Morrow has fanned more than 10 per nine innings. Yet he is 21-18, with a 4.62 ERA, and has failed to reach even 180 innings. If there really is an ace within Morrow, he needs to show himself in 2012.

Bautista and Romero, contributed more wins to the team than Escobar last season. Across the diamond, the Jays have Kelly Johnson, acquired from Arizona in August for Aaron Hill, who never came close to repeating his 2009 All-Star form. Johnson struggled for the Diamondbacks last season, but in 33 games with Toronto, he batted .270 with a .364 on-base percentage and three homers. He accepted the Blue Jays' arbitration offer in December, and with another shot at free agency after this season, he'll be motivated to put up big numbers.

CORNERS If only Lind, the first baseman, could be the basher he was in 2009, when he hit .305 with 35 homers and 114 runs batted in. If he could, pitchers might be less inclined to walk Bautista in front of him. But with Lind a relatively easy out in the cleanup spot last year, Bautista led the majors in walks (132), including a league-leading 24 intentional walks. Lind should be healthier this season after dealing with injuries to his lower back and his wrist, and at 28, he should be in his prime. Across the diamond at third is Lawrie, who played like a veteran when he arrived from the minors last season. Lawrie, from Langley, British Columbia, showed why he was Milwaukee's top prospect before he was traded to Toronto for Shaun Marcum. From his debut on Aug. 5 until he fractured a finger on Sept. 21, Lawrie led all major league rookies in OPS (.953) and was tied for first in homers (nine) and extra-base hits (21). He plays with swagger and is quick and athletic in the field.

OUTFIELD There can be no doubting Bautista anymore. After his sudden explosion for 54 home runs in 2010, he led the majors for the second straight year, this time with 43. Bautista also led the majors in OPS (1.056) and walks (132), and at \$14 million per year through 2015, his contract makes a lot of sense for the Blue Jays. Bautista has started at six different positions in his career but has settled in nicely in right field. New center fielder Colby Rasmus never clicked with Tony La Russa in St. Louis, but at 25 years old, the former first-round draft pick is a strong candidate for a breakout season in his first full year in Toronto. Left field will be manned by Eric Thames or Travis Snider, with Snider still trying to unlock the power he has shown in the minor leagues.

CATCHING The Blue Jays thought so highly of J.P. Arencibia that they traded Mike Napoli to the Texas Rangers before last season. Napoli became a second-half and postseason sensation for Texas, but Toronto is happy with Arencibia, who hit 23 homers, fourth-best among major league catchers and a record for a Blue Jays backstop. There's room for improvement, though, considering his .282 on-base percentage. On defense, Arencibia threw out 24.3 percent of potential base-stealers while committing 12 passed balls.

STATISTICIAN

- 132** Walks by Jose Bautista, matching the most for any player in a season since Barry Bonds in 2007.
- 3** Lefties in 2011 with 15 wins, 225 innings and an ERA below 3.00: Clayton Kershaw, Cliff Lee and Ricky Romero.
- 1.81** Kyle Drabek's WHIP, highest in MLB for pitchers with at least 14 starts.
- 4** Years in a row finishing fourth in the AL East, the Jays' longest streak of such low finishes since 1977-83.
- 10.2** Strikeouts per nine innings by Brandon Morrow, most of any AL pitcher who qualified for ERA title.
- 2** Consecutive seasons for Adam Lind with an OBP below .300, after his .370 mark in 2009.
- .953** OPS for Brett Lawrie, fifth-best in the AL, minimum 150 at-bats.

BLUE JAYS

BATTING ORDER

SS Yunel Escobar (R)	Punished lefties for a .330 average (sixth in the AL) last season.
CF Colby Rasmus (L)	Should have plenty of motivation after Cardinals traded him and went on to win World Series.
RF Jose Bautista (R)	Jays' highest-paid player is a certified bargain at \$14 million a year through 2015.
1B Adam Lind (L)	Must provide better protection for Bautista, who drew 132 walks to lead MLB.
DH Edwin Encarnacion (R)	Had a .382 on-base percentage in the second half, 99 points better than he did in the first half.
3B Brett Lawrie (R)	Future franchise cornerstone, acquired from Milwaukee for Shaun Marcum; looks like a star in the making.
C J.P. Arencibia (R)	Rookie season produced 23 homers, a single-season record for a Blue Jays catcher.
2B Kelly Johnson (L)	Middle infielder with pop on a one-year contract makes perfect sense for Toronto.
LF Eric Thames (L)	Will try to hold off Travis Snider for the starting job after slumping in September.

BENCH

OF Rajai Davis (R)	Speedster's spot is shaky after a career-worst season hampered by hamstring injury.
OF Travis Snider (L)	Posted a .394 OBP at Triple-A last year and .269 with Jays. Needs to prove he's not a 4A player.
INF Mike McCoy (R)	Appeared at every spot on the field except catcher, left field and first base (yes, he even pitched).
OF Ben Francisco (R)	His pinch-hit, three-run homer won Game 3 of NLDS for the Phillies.
C Jeff Mathis (R)	After flipping an Angels catcher last winter (Mike Napoli), Jays will hold onto this defensive specialist.

ROTATION

LH Ricky Romero	Since 2009 debut, he's lowered ERA and WHIP while raising wins and innings each season.
RH Brandon Morrow	Improving steadily, the strikeout specialist could break into stardom at age 27.
LH Brett Cecil	Very lucky to be 15-7 in 2010, very unlucky to be 4-11 last year.
RH Henderson Alvarez	Finished season strong, with quality starts in five of six appearances starting Aug. 31.
RH Kyle Drabek	Must continue to work on commanding his fastball to win back a starting job after rough 2011.

BULLPEN

RH Sergio Santos (Closer)	Despite free agent options, Jays traded for Santos and believe he can be elite.
RH Carlos Villanueva	After five years with Brewers, he made 13 starts, 20 relief appearances in first year with Jays.
RH Jesse Litsch	Won four of eight starts last year before shoulder injury; a serviceable long man.
RH Jason Frasor	After brief interlude with White Sox, he's back in familiar setup role.
LH Darren Oliver	Veteran specialist gave up four extra-base hits (in 94 PAs) vs. lefties with the Rangers in 2011.
RH Casey Janssen	Coming off his lowest WHIP and highest strikeout percentage of five-year career.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Part of the Blue Jays' focus in Dunedin, Fla., will be to decide who starts in left field. Eric Thames did a decent job as a rookie last season, but the team has not given up on Travis Snider, its No. 1 pick in the 2006 draft. The Blue Jays have declared left field to be an open competition between the two, understanding that Thames needs to improve his defense while Snider must improve at the plate. "We feel like we've got two young left-handed hitters that have every ability to be regular major league players," manager John Farrell said in December.

STATLINE



HIGHEST ERA BY PITCHER WITH 10+ SOs/9 IP

1. Brandon Morrow, 2011 4.72
2. Hideo Nomo, 2001 4.50
3. Hideo Nomo, 1997 4.25
4. Randy Johnson, 1991 3.98
5. Sandy Koufax, 1960 3.91

BLUE JAYS

SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	CLE	6	CLE
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CLE	BOS	BOS	BOS	BAL	BAL	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
BAL	TB	TB	TB	KC	KC	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
KC	KC	BAL	BAL	BAL	SEA	SEA
29	30					
SEA	TEX					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		TEX	TEX	LAA	LAA	LAA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
LAA	OAK	OAK	MIN	MIN	MIN	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
MIN	TB	TB	NYN	NYN	NYM	NYM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NYM	TB	TB	TB	TEX	TEX	
27	28	29	30	31		
TEX	BAL	BAL	BAL			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					BOS	BOS
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BOS	CWS	CWS	CWS	ATL	ATL	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ATL	WAS	WAS	WAS	PHI	PHI	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PHI	MIL	MIL	MIL	MIA	MIA	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
MIA	BOS	BOS	BOS	LAA	LAA	LAA

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
LAA	KC	KC	KC	CWS	CWS	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CWS	ALL-STAR GAME 2012	CLE	CLE			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
CLE	NYN	NYN	NYN	BOS	BOS	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
BOS	OAK	OAK	OAK	DET	DET	
29	30	31				
DET	SEA	SEA				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			SEA	OAK	OAK	OAK
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
OAK	TB	TB	TB	NYN	NYN	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NYN	CWS	CWS	CWS	TEX	TEX	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
TEX	DET	DET	DET	BAL	BAL	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
BAL	NYN	NYN	NYN	TB	TB	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						TB
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TB	BAL	BAL	BAL	BOS	BOS	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
BOS	SEA	SEA	SEA	BOS	BOS	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
BOS	NYN	NYN	NYN	TB	TB	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
TB	BAL	BAL	BAL	NYN	NYN	NYN
30	1	2	3			
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ranking second in the American League. The Blue Jays acquired a defensive specialist, Jeff Mathis, in the offseason, but Arenchiba should not have to worry about his starting spot. Mathis was a career .194 hitter in seven seasons with the Angels.

DH/BENCH Edwin Encarnacion is the incumbent at DH for the Blue Jays, but as designated hitters go, he's not one of the best. He peaked early in his career with the Reds and has made little impact, positive or negative, in two-plus seasons with Toronto. His OPS was identical in 2010 and 2011: an uninspiring .787. With a bench that includes Ben Francisco, Rajai Davis and possibly the loser of the Snider/Thames left field battle, there should be plenty of names spinning in and out of the DH spot, unless Encarnacion's career suddenly takes off. He's 29 this season, so he probably is what he is. But when you play on the same team as the ultimate late bloomer — Bautista — perhaps

there's always hope of becoming a top slugger with little advance warning.

MANAGEMENT Rival executives see the Blue Jays as an imminent threat to contend for the playoffs, largely because of the smart leadership of Anthopoulos. The team is in a healthy place financially, with no regrettable contracts, several young, impact position players and a pitching staff guided by an astute ex-pitcher, manager John Farrell. Anthopoulos is confident that Rogers Communications, with its vast resources, will allow the team to spend big when he sees fit. With the Canadian market all to themselves, and an extra wild card spot on the horizon, all signs point to a renaissance north of the border very soon.

FINAL ANALYSIS Eleven times in the last 14 years, Toronto has won at least 80 games but no more than 88. It's a frustrating place to live, especially in the American League East, where 90 wins are generally the benchmark for relevance. The Blue Jays are building carefully, trying to build something sustainable to finally escape the good-but-not-great treadmill. They're probably a year away from doing it, but if they're close enough to contention this summer — a distinct possibility, given the upside of players like Lawrie and Morrow — expect the creative Anthopoulos to make a move that gives the Jays a chance to go for it.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

BACK TO THE FUTURE The Blue Jays finally look like the Blue Jays again. After eight years with black as their primary color, and an aggressive-looking stylized bird head as their logo, the Blue Jays returned to a logo and uniform set that almost precisely match the style from their early-'90s glory years. The team slightly modified its original bird-head logo and re-introduced the distinctive letters and numbers on its jerseys, with blue as the dominant color and black as a regrettable memory.

STAY OUTTA THE KITCHEN Brett Cecil had to be scratched from a start in September after he cut his left index finger while cleaning out a blender. Cecil also cut his finger in a kitchen accident the previous spring. "I'm scared of a butter knife right now," Cecil told reporters. Maybe, he added, "the team would be interested in hiring me a personal assistant."

NO. 12 IN THEIR HEARTS The Blue Jays sold out just one game at Rogers Centre after Opening Day last season: July 31, when they retired Roberto Alo-

mar's No. 12 shortly after his induction to the Hall of Fame. Alomar's number was the first to be officially retired by a club that dates to 1977.

LONG TIME COMING When Detroit's Justin Verlander fired a no-hitter in Toronto last season, it was the first time in two decades that a pitcher had no-hit the Blue Jays. The last one to do it was Nolan Ryan, who notched his record seventh no-hitter on May 1, 1991, against the Blue Jays in Texas.

GOOD ADVICE Last winter, J.P. Arenchiba worked out at the same Tampa gym as the Yankees' Derek Jeter. One day, Arenchiba casually mentioned that the AL East had a lot of tough pitchers. Jeter scoffed. "They're going to make a mistake," Jeter told him. "They're great pitchers — don't take anything away from them — but don't give them too much credit, either." Arenchiba said he would never forget Jeter's comment, which confirmed the confidence he had in himself and carried over into a 23-homer rookie season in 2011.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

JACOB ANDERSON

The Blue Jays could not sign their first pick, pitcher Tyler Beede, who chose to enroll at Vanderbilt. They took Anderson with the first of their four choices in the compensation round, getting the pick after losing free agent lefty Scott Downs to the Angels. The Blue Jays signed him for \$990,000, keeping him away from Pepperdine. Anderson is 6'4" and 190 pounds, with good range in the outfield, and he got off to a torrid start in his professional career. In nine games in the Gulf Coast League, Anderson hit .405 (15-for-37) with two homers, two doubles, two stolen bases and seven RBIs. Anderson told the website jaysprospects.com that his best skill is the ability to be relaxed at the plate and wait for a good pitch to hit. He said a favorite player was Matt Kemp, "because he uses all five tools, and that is what I strive to do."



2010 TOP PICK

Deck McGuire, RHP, Georgia Tech Rose to Class AA in first pro season, with a combined 124 strikeouts in 125.1 innings.

2009 TOP PICK

Chad Jenkins, RHP, Kennesaw State Hopes to get his first shot at Class AAA after going 5-7, 4.13 in 16 starts at AA last season.

2008 TOP PICK

David Cooper, 1B, California Limited power for his position, but he led the PCL with a .364 average last year.

2007 TOP PICK

Kevin Ahrens, 3B, Memorial (Texas) HS Has hit just .240 in five seasons, all below Class AA; fellow first-rounders J.P. Arencibia and Brett Cecil have been much better.

2006 TOP PICK

Travis Snider, OF, Jackson (Wash.) HS Made big league debut at age 20, but has not played more than 82 games in a season.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

C Travis d'Arnaud (23) Part of the Roy Halladay deal, he hit .311 with 21 homers at Class AA in 2011.

CF Jake Marisnick (21) Speedy (37 steals) and improving, Marisnick had a 100-point leap in batting average, to .320, in Midwest League last year.

CF Anthony Gose (21) The good: 70 steals at Class AA New Hampshire last season. The bad: 154 strikeouts.

RHP Noah Syndergaard (19) The 38th overall pick of the 2010 draft, Syndergaard has a 1.99 ERA in 18 pro games, with more strikeouts than innings.

RHP Drew Hutchison (21) An overachiever, this 15th-round selection from 2009 has mastered every minor league level so far.

BLUE JAYS ROSTER

General Manager: Alex Anthopoulos **Manager:** John Farrell **Coaches:** Brian Butterfield (third base), Torey Lovullo (first base), Dwayne Murphy (hitting), Luis Rivera, Don Wakamatsu (bench), Pete Walker (bullpen), Bruce Walton (pitching)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
37	Henderson Alvarez	R-R	6-1	211	4/18/90	TORONTO	1-3	3.53	10	10	0	63.2	64	8	40	
						New Hampshire (AA)	8-4	2.86	15	14	0	88.0	81	17	66	
						Dunedin (A)	0-1	6.48	2	2	0	8.1	11	1	4	
58	Chad Beck	R-R	6-4	256	1/17/85	TORONTO	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	2.1	1	0	3	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	2-4	6.70	8	8	0	41.2	61	26	23	
						New Hampshire (AA)	7-4	3.69	22	14	0	95.0	92	28	70	
						Dunedin (A)	0-0	1.69	1	1	0	5.1	4	1	7	
34	Joel Carreno	R-R	6-0	218	3/7/87	TORONTO	1-0	1.15	11	0	0	15.2	11	4	14	
						New Hampshire (AA)	7-9	3.41	24	23	0	134.2	100	68	152	
27	Brett Cecil	R-L	6-1	250	7/2/86	TORONTO	4-11	4.73	20	20	0	123.2	122	42	87	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	8-2	5.26	12	12	0	78.2	89	24	63	
46	Evan Crawford	R-L	6-1	175	9/2/86	New Hampshire (AA)	3-5	3.35	45	0	2	51.0	50	21	62	
4	Kyle Drabek	R-R	6-1	228	12/8/87	TORONTO	4-5	6.06	18	14	0	78.2	87	55	51	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	5-4	7.44	15	15	0	75.0	111	41	45	
36	Alan Farina	R-R	5-11	190	8/9/86	New Hampshire (AA)	2-1	1.56	17	0	6	17.1	15	7	16	
49	Daniel Farquhar	R-R	5-9	180	2/17/87	TORONTO	0-0	13.50	3	2	0	2.0	4	2	1	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	4-5	4.70	50	0	14	51.2	63	18	43	
						Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	0.00	4	0	1	8.0	7	3	9	
54	Jason Frasor	R-R	5-9	179	8/9/77	TORONTO	2-1	2.98	44	0	0	42.1	38	15	37	
						CHICAGO AL	1-2	5.09	20	0	0	17.2	20	11	20	
44	Casey Janssen	R-R	6-3	204	9/17/81	TORONTO	6-0	2.26	55	0	2	55.2	47	14	53	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	2.0	1	0	3	
						New Hampshire (AA)	0-0	0.00	5	0	0	5.0	1	1	7	
51	Jesse Litsch	R-R	6-1	234	3/9/85	TORONTO	6-3	4.44	28	8	1	75.0	69	28	66	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	1-2	8.16	6	6	0	28.2	41	11	27	
						New Hampshire (AA)	0-0	1.04	2	2	0	8.2	6	0	9	
						Lansing (A)	0-0	9.00	1	1	0	2.0	3	1	3	
35	Trystan Magnuson	L-R	6-7	210	6/6/85	OAKLAND	0-0	6.14	9	0	0	14.2	15	5	11	
						Sacramento (AAA)	4-2	2.98	30	0	5	45.1	34	19	46	
29	Dustin McGowan	R-R	6-3	232	3/24/82	TORONTO	0-2	6.43	5	4	0	21.0	20	13	20	
						New Hampshire (AA)	0-2	2.75	5	5	0	19.2	18	7	18	
						Dunedin (A)	0-2	2.87	7	7	0	15.2	13	7	17	
23	Brandon Morrow	R-R	6-3	198	7/26/84	TORONTO	11-11	4.72	30	30	0	179.1	162	69	203	
						Dunedin (A)	0-2	7.71	3	3	0	9.1	13	6	11	
	Darren Oliver	R-L	6-2	200	10/6/70	TEXAS	5-5	2.29	61	0	2	51.0	47	11	44	
47	Luis Perez	L-L	6-0	210	1/20/85	TORONTO	3-3	5.12	37	4	0	65.0	74	27	54	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	2-2	4.60	8	8	0	45.0	37	23	43	
24	Ricky Romero	R-L	6-0	220	11/6/84	TORONTO	15-11	2.92	32	32	0	225.0	176	80	178	
21	Sergio Santos	R-R	6-2	230	7/4/83	CHICAGO AL	4-5	3.55	63	0	30	63.1	41	29	92	
33	Carlos Villanueva	R-R	6-2	233	11/28/83	TORONTO	6-4	4.04	33	13	0	107.0	103	32	68	
						Dunedin (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	1.0	1	0	0	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
9	J.P. Arencibia	R-R	6-0	203	1/5/86	TORONTO	.219	129	443	47	97	23	78	36	133	1
15	Travis d'Arnaud	R-R	6-2	195	2/10/89	New Hampshire (AA)	.311	114	424	72	132	21	78	33	100	4
6	Jeff Mathis	R-R	6-0	200	3/31/83	LOS ANGELES AL	.174	93	247	18	43	3	22	15	75	1
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
30	David Cooper	L-L	6-0	201	2/12/87	TORONTO	.211	27	71	9	15	2	12	7	14	0
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.364	120	467	77	170	9	96	67	43	1
10	Edwin Encarnacion	R-R	6-2	228	1/7/83	TORONTO	.272	134	481	70	131	17	55	43	77	8
5	Yunel Escobar	R-R	6-2	212	11/2/82	TORONTO	.290	133	513	77	149	11	48	61	70	3
3	Adelny Hechavarria	R-R	5-11	180	4/15/89	Las Vegas (AAA)	.389	25	108	16	42	2	11	8	21	1
						New Hampshire (AA)	.235	111	464	58	109	6	46	25	78	19
2	Kelly Johnson	L-R	6-1	196	2/22/82	TORONTO	.270	33	115	16	31	3	9	16	31	3
						ARIZONA	.209	114	430	59	90	18	49	44	132	13
13	Brett Lawrie	R-R	6-0	215	1/18/90	TORONTO	.293	43	150	26	44	9	25	16	31	7
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.353	69	292	64	103	18	61	26	53	13
						Dunedin (A)	.125	4	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
26	Adam Lind	L-L	6-2	212	7/17/83	TORONTO	.251	125	499	56	125	26	87	32	107	1
						Dunedin (A)	.600	3	10	2	6	0	4	2	1	2
18	Mike McCoy	R-R	5-9	173	4/2/81	TORONTO	.198	80	197	26	39	2	10	25	41	12
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.311	38	148	33	46	2	20	33	23	14
66	Mike McDade	S-R	6-1	260	5/8/89	New Hampshire (AA)	.281	125	484	71	136	16	74	28	104	0
1	Luis Valbuena	L-R	5-10	195	11/30/85	CLEVELAND	.209	17	43	4	9	1	1	1	9	1
						Columbus (AAA)	.302	113	420	64	127	17	75	46	96	6
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
19	Jose Bautista	R-R	6-0	192	10/19/80	TORONTO	.302	149	513	105	155	43	103	132	111	9
11	Rajai Davis	R-R	5-9	195	10/19/80	TORONTO	.238	95	320	44	76	1	29	15	63	34
						New Hampshire (AA)	.300	4	10	1	3	0	0	2	2	0
						Dunedin (A)	.400	2	5	1	2	1	1	0	1	0
8	Ben Francisco	R-R	6-1	192	10/23/81	PHILADELPHIA	.244	100	250	24	61	6	34	33	42	4
16	Darin Mastroianni	R-R	5-11	190	8/26/85	TORONTO	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.276	79	319	63	88	2	23	40	54	20
						New Hampshire (AA)	.254	44	169	29	43	1	13	22	24	14
28	Colby Rasmus	L-L	6-2	199	8/11/86	TORONTO	.173	35	133	14	23	3	13	5	39	0
						ST. LOUIS	.246	94	338	61	83	11	40	45	77	5
74	Moises Sierra	R-R	6-0	225	9/24/88	New Hampshire (AA)	.277	133	495	81	137	18	67	39	93	16
45	Travis Snider	L-L	6-0	233	2/2/88	TORONTO	.225	49	187	23	42	3	30	11	56	9
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.327	61	248	47	81	4	42	25	44	12
14	Eric Thames	L-R	6-1	195	11/10/86	TORONTO	.262	95	362	58	95	12	37	23	88	2
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.352	53	210	38	74	7	45	23	41	5



CHICAGO WHITE SOX

**2012
PREDICTION**

5TH

AL CENTRAL

**2011
RECORD
79-83**

HOME: 36-45 ROAD: 43-38

TEAM STADIUM
U.S. Cellular Field

TICKETS CAPACITY
866-SOX-GAME 40,165

TEAM WEBSITE
chicago.whitesox.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	72	4th
2008	89	1st
2009	79	3rd
2010	88	2nd
2011	79	3rd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 1B Paul Konerko

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP John Danks



BUY LOW ♦ RP Addison Reed

SELL HIGH ♦ SP Philip Humber

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SP Jake Peavy

IPO ♦ OF Dayan Viedo

FUTURES MARKET ♦ OF Trayce Thompson

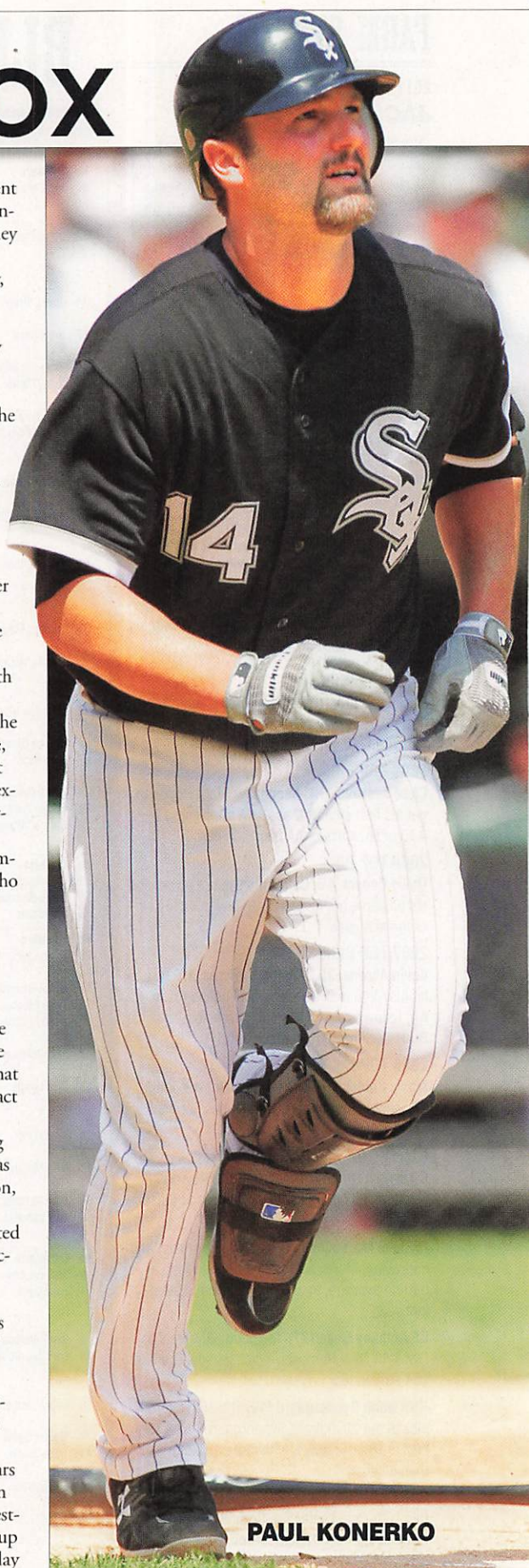
INSIDER TIP ♦ Matt Thornton will not suddenly become a front-line closer at 35 — but Reed very well might at 23.

Having done more spending than winning in recent years, the White Sox enter 2012 with a new manager and without their familiar expectations. They lost free agent lefthander Mark Buehrle, one of their two long-term cornerstones, to free agency, because the investments in Jake Peavy, Alex Rios and Adam Dunn have not paid off. General manager Ken Williams is overseeing an awkward rebuilding project that is hindered by both the veterans with oversized contracts and a weak farm system. Robin Ventura, who takes the helm after Ozzie Guillen asked out of the last year of his contract to manage the Miami Marlins, will add Dayan Viedo to the lineup, platoon Tyler Flowers at catcher and create a major role in the bullpen for Addison Reed. But there is no major wave of talent coming up through the team's farm system, like the ones in Kansas City and Tampa Bay.

ROTATION Disappointing last season, the White Sox starting pitching could be a mess in 2012. Peavy, healthy after 2010 surgery to reattach the lat muscle below his shoulder, hopes to be back to full strength in the third full season since he was acquired from San Diego. This is the last guaranteed season on his contract, and he's being counted on heavily with the Sox needing to replace 327 innings from Buehrle and Edwin Jackson, who was traded at the deadline a year ago. The White Sox are also counting heavily on lefthander Chris Sale, who moves into the rotation after being used as a reliever last season. Sale and John Danks, who was signed to a five-year extension after a down season in 2011, appear to be the cornerstones of future rotations. Gavin Floyd, under Chicago's control through 2013, is a likely trade candidate. Philip Humber, claimed on waivers from Oakland, and Zach Stewart, who was acquired for Jackson (whose acquisition in 2010 cost the White Sox Daniel Hudson), get chances to prove themselves. Humber had a strong first half as Peavy's fill-in but had a 5.01 ERA in 10 second-half starts.

BULLPEN For the second year in a row, the White Sox head toward the season not knowing who will be the closer. Sergio Santos had established himself in that role but was surprisingly traded after signing a contract that placed him under the team's control through 2017. Reed, who closed games for Stephen Strasburg at San Diego State, is viewed as a future closer but has only six games of experience. Veterans Matt Thornton, Jesse Crain and Will Ohman will be counted on to help Reed and a cast of other youngsters get acclimated to the big leagues. The job seekers include lefties Hector Santiago and Charles Leesman and righthanders Dylan Axelrod, Jhan Marínez and Deunte Heath. Thornton, who has two years and \$12 million on his contract, will be a candidate for a midseason trade if the Sox are not in contention.

MIDDLE INFIELD Gordon Beckham has not developed into the run-producing second baseman the White Sox expected after he hit .270 with an .808 OPS as a rookie. His numbers have dropped two years in a row — his OPS fell to .633 in 2011 — and even though he's only 25, this is a critical season, as he's testing the patience of the organization. Beckham gives up too many at-bats, with his ability to put the ball in play



PAUL KONERKO

DIFFERENCE MAKER ADAM DUNN

Dunn's utter futility weighed down the White Sox last season and will do the same again in 2012 if he can't rediscover his bat speed. He was frustrated in May and June and completely lost confidence in the second half of the season, thinking himself into a heavy fog while adjusting to the solitary life of a designated hitter. Dunn seemed to be a safe bet after seven straight years with at least 38 homers and 92 RBIs. But he hit just .159 with 177 strikeouts in 122 games. No big leaguer will be watched more closely in April than Dunn.

no longer a given. He's a solid enough fielder, but it was his bat that made him the eighth player taken overall in the 2008 draft. Alexei Ramirez is one of the few White Sox players who is a standout at his position. He has led AL shortstops in homers and extra-base hits over the last three seasons and was third among AL shortstops in defensive runs saved last year.

CORNERS With Buehrle gone, first baseman Paul Konerko will carry a huge load as far as leadership. He made his fifth trip to the All-Star game last season, and while he's 36, there's no reason to expect him to slow down. The cast around him will determine if he can have his seventh 100-RBI season. Brent Morel returns for his second season as the third baseman. He's a gifted fielder but was a disappointment at the plate in his rookie season. He did go on a late tear, hitting eight home runs in September to give him some momentum heading into this season.

OUTFIELD With Carlos Quentin now in San Diego, there's a lot of heat on Vicedo in right field and Rios in center. Quentin, a 2011 All-Star, provided some protection for Konerko. Vicedo, signed to a four-year, \$10-million contract before 2009, has been patiently preparing for the 500-plus plate appearances that should be coming his way, but he had only a .641 OPS after being promoted late last August. Rios, surprisingly, is just as big of a question mark. The White Sox claimed him on waivers in 2009 and owe him \$38 million over the next three seasons. The Sox understand why Toronto allowed him to leave with no compensation, as he's been highly inconsistent. Rios was a plus in every way in 2010 but last year hit .227 with his fewest home runs since 2005 while allowing balls to fall all around him. Alejandro de Aza is a late bloomer who emerged as a fourth outfielder in 2011 but could hit his way into a much bigger role, possibly even taking over for Juan Pierre as a left fielder/leadoff man. He adds both speed and balance to the lineup, and he hit .324 for the Sox in 73 games over the last two seasons.

CATCHING A.J. Pierzynski is the only catcher who has worked 1,000-plus innings in each of the last 10 seasons, but the streak could end in 2012. He's 35 with his only real weakness being a sub-par arm that has contributed to opponents' succeeding on more than 75 percent of their stolen base attempts over his career, including an 80 percent success rate last season. This could be Pierzynski's last season with the White Sox — we've thought that before — depending on the play of Flowers, who has an .876 career OPS in the minors but has hit .197 in limited big league duty.

DH/BENCH Can Dunn recover after being a flop of historic proportions? He lost his bat speed, his strike zone judgment and his confidence after signing a four-year, \$56-million contract. He had averaged 40 homers over the previous seven seasons but hit .159 with 11 home runs, including an .064 av-

STATISTICIAN

- 794 Quality starts by the White Sox since the start of the 2003 season, the most in the majors. They had only 90 last year, however, ranking sixth in the AL.
- 154 Home runs by the White Sox, their lowest total in a full season since 1992.
- 62 Appearances by Matt Thornton, his sixth straight season with 60-plus, a White Sox record.
- 84 Times White Sox batters were hit by a pitch, a franchise record.
- 12 20-plus homer seasons for Paul Konerko, breaking the White Sox record he had shared with Frank Thomas.
- 6 Hits, in 94 at bats, against lefthanders by Adam Dunn last season.
- 23-13 Record in 44 starts by Daniel Hudson in Arizona since Ken Williams traded him for Edwin Jackson at the deadline in 2010.

Konerko: Steve Weitzman; Danks: Jonathan Daniel/Getty Images

WHITE SOX

BATTING ORDER

LF Alejandro de Aza (L)	11th pro season could provide big league breakthrough if he continues to hit.
SS Alexei Ramirez (R)	Did his best hitting after overdue promotion from down in the order in midseason.
1B Paul Konerko (R)	Coming off his best back-to-back seasons, he'll carry a bigger load than ever.
DH Adam Dunn (L)	Struck out 177 times in only 496 plate appearances in first season with the Sox.
RF Dayan Vicedo (R)	Bad-ball hitter with questionable plate discipline; compared to Vlad Guerrero by one minors manager.
3B Brent Morel (R)	Good hands in field earned him patient handling when he had two homers, 22 RBIs through August.
C A.J. Pierzynski (L)	He's the anti-Dunn, striking out once every 15.2 plate appearances last season.
CF Alex Rios (R)	In the last three years, he's experienced BA swings of minus-44, plus-37 and minus-57 points.
2B Gordon Beckham (R)	White Sox wouldn't give him up in Adrian Gonzalez trade talk after 2010.

BENCH

UT Brent Lillibridge (R)	Fifth big league season could be the first time he gets 200-plus at-bats, with frequent outfield starts.
SS Eduardo Escobar (S)	Got his first big league hit off Cy Young winner Justin Verlander; could be trade chip.
INF Ozzie Martinez (R)	Promoted to majors by Florida in 2010 but hasn't hit; will get a look at second base in the spring.
C Tyler Flowers (R)	King-sized (6'4", 245) receiver handled Sox pitchers well (3.96 catchers' ERA).
OF Jordan Danks (L)	Non-roster outfielder flashed power in 2011 but has trouble making consistent contact.

ROTATION

LH John Danks	Looking to bounce back after season that included 0-8 start and first career stint on DL.
RH Gavin Floyd	Since 17-win season in 2008, has gone 33-37 with a 4.17 ERA; averaging 30 starts and 191 innings.
RH Jake Peavy	Candidate for midseason trade to NL (career ERA 3.29 in NL) if he is finally healthy and effective.
RH Philip Humber	2011 All-Star candidate faded badly after the break; needs to re-establish himself.
LH Chris Sale	Moves from bullpen with hope he'll grow into staff ace in post-Mark Buehrle era.

BULLPEN

LH Matt Thornton (Closer)	Only bullpen holdover from before 2011, he failed as closer but could get a mulligan.
RH Jesse Crain	Solid set-up man could get chances to close at the start of the season.
RH Addison Reed	After holding minor leaguers to a .158 average, will play a big role filling hole left by Sergio Santos trade.
LH Will Ohman	This will be first time he's spent back-to-back seasons with the same team since leaving the Cubs in 2007.
RH Zach Stewart	Made eight starts for White Sox in 2011 and figures to be a spot starter and long man.
RH Dylan Axelrod	Former Padre is a strike-thrower who could start if needed.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

This is a thin roster with secure incumbents. The most interesting thing to watch is the auditioning of unproven pitchers. Zach Stewart and Dylan Axelrod will try to force their way into the rotation, but it's jobs at the end of the bullpen that will capture the attention of a crowd including journeymen Brian Bruney and Eric Stults, experienced minor leaguers Donnie Veal and Deunte Heath, and prospects Hector Santiago, Jhan Marínez, Gregory Infante, Nathan Jones and Anthony Carter. Starter prospects Nestor Molina, Simon Castro and Pedro Hernández could also open eyes.

STATLINE



FRANCHISE CAREER GRAND SLAMS

1t. Paul Konerko*	10
1t. Robin Ventura*	10
3t. Carlos Lee	8
3t. Frank Thomas	8
5. Harold Baines*	7

*currently in White Sox uniform

WHITE SOX SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	TEX	TEX
8	CLE	CLE	CLE	12	DET	DET
15	DET	BAL	BAL	BAL	SEA	SEA
22	SEA	OAK	OAK	OAK	BOS	BOS
29	BOS	30				

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1 CLE	2 CLE	3 CLE	4 DET	5 DET
6 DET	7 CLE	8 CLE	9 CLE	10	11 KC	12 KC
13 KC	14 DET	15 DET	16 LAA	17 LAA	18 CHC	19 CHC
20 CHC	21	22 MIN	23 MIN	24 MIN	25 CLE	26 CLE
27 CLE	28 TB	29 TB	30 TB	31		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1 SEA	2 SEA
3 SEA	4	5 TOR	6 TOR	7 TOR	8 HOU	9 HOU
10 HOU	11	12 STL	13 STL	14 STL	15 LAD	16 LAD
17 LAD	18 CHC	19 CHC	20 CHC	21	22 MIL	23 MIL
24 MIL	25 MIN	26 MIN	27 MIN	28 NYY	29 NYY	30 NYY

JULY

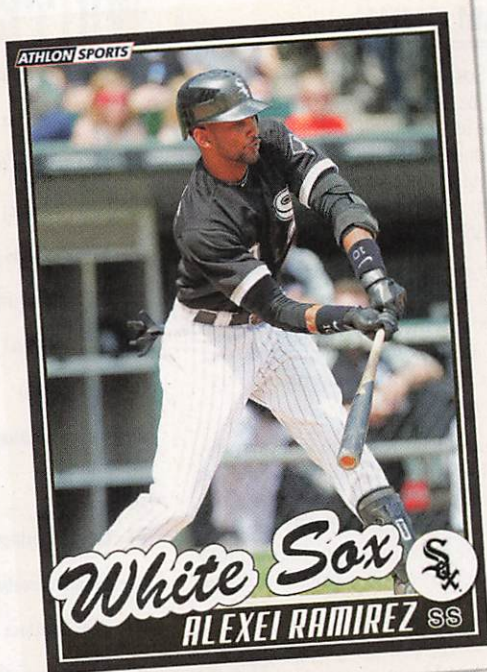
S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1 NYN	2 TEX	3 TEX	4 TEX	5 TOR	6 TOR	7
8 TOR	9 MAIL STARGAME 2012				10 KC	11 KC
12 KC	13 BOS	14 BOS	15 BOS	16 BOS	17 DET	18 DET
20 DET	21 MIN	22 MIN	23 MIN	24 TEX	25 TEX	26
28 TEX	29 MIN	30 MIN	31			

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1 MIN	2	3 LAA	4 LAA
5 LAA	6 KC	7 KC	8 KC	9	10 OAK	11 OAK
12 OAK	13 TOR	14 TOR	15 TOR	16 TOR	17 KC	18 KC
19 KC	20 NYY	21 NYY	22 NYY	23	24 SEA	25 SEA
26 SEA	27 BAL	28 BAL	29 BAL	30 BAL	31 DET	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1 DET
2 DET	3 MIN	4 MIN	5 MIN	6	7 KC	8 KC
9 KC	10 DET	11 DET	12 DET	13 DET	14 MIN	15 MIN
16 MIN	17	18 KC	19 KC	20 KC	21 LAA	22 LAA
23 LAA	24 CLE	25 CLE	26 CLE	27 TB	28 TB	29 TB
30 TB	1 CLE	2 CLE	3 CLE			



erage against left-handed pitchers. He's likely to be used in a platoon with Vicedo and Brent Lillibridge until he shows he's a force again. Dunn is owed \$44 million, so he'll have a long leash. Lillibridge can be an excellent role player, starting all over the field and hitting for power. Ozzie Martinez, acquired from Florida with Martinez as Guillen compensation, replaces Omar Vizquel as the backup middle infielder. Flowers has established himself everywhere except the big leagues.

MANAGEMENT Ventura was highly respected for his skills and his leadership during 10 seasons playing for the White Sox. He'll need every bit of his intellect and character as he replaces Guillen in the manager's office. Ventura retired as a player after 2004 and didn't return to the game until last summer, when he took a job as an advisor to farm director Buddy Bell. Inexperience is a major issue for the coaching staff too, with pitching coach Don Cooper and

first base coach Harold Baines the key holdovers from the Guillen era. Williams, the long-time GM, was under heat last season, but chairman Jerry Reinsdorf stuck with him rather than promoting assistant Rick Hahn or creating a position for Tony La Russa. Williams wears a World Series ring from 2005 but allowed the farm system to deteriorate and painted himself into a corner with unproductive acquisitions. The Sox did make a significant hire in the offseason, adding former Blue Jays Latin American operations director Marco Paddy as an assistant to Williams. Paddy faces a big job trying to help the Sox sign more prospects from the Dominican Republic and elsewhere.

FINAL ANALYSIS Despite a record payroll of nearly \$128 million, the White Sox suffered a losing season and enter a year that could expose the organization's lack of young talent. Ventura should win Manager of the Year honors if he can help them avoid their fourth losing season in the last six. Bounce-back seasons from Dunn and Rios could provide some thump for a team that was 11th in scoring in the AL a year ago, but Buehrle's loss will be heavily felt by a pitching staff that looked to him for leadership. If the Sox aren't contending at midseason, Williams will almost certainly continue to jettison veterans. It's possible Williams himself could be a casualty if there are not strong signs of internal growth.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

CHICAGO WHITE SOX

LONG WAY BACK John Danks finished 8-12 last season after an 0-8 start. He was the third pitcher in White Sox history to start 0-8, joining Roy Wilkins (0-10 in 1921) and Eddie Smith (0-8 in 1942). He was only the third big leaguer since 1961 to go 0-8 before June 1, joining Mark Mulder in 1997 and Anthony Reyes in 2007.

PITCHING TO CONTACT On June 28 at Colorado, Gavin Floyd and the Rockies' Jason Hammel became the first pair of starting pitchers to throw at least seven innings each without striking out a batter in a game since 1981.

SHORT-SIGHTED DECISION On June 25 against Washington, with the White Sox pushing to recover from their bad start, Ozzie Guillen used Jake Peavy for four innings of relief only three days after he had thrown 104 pitches in a start. He struck out seven and got the win but said later he felt he had overextended himself trying to come back too fast from surgery to repair a detached lat muscle under

his shoulder. He spent time on the DL in June and was shut down with three weeks left in the season.

HANGING ZEROES Zach Stewart, acquired from Toronto on July 27 in a trade for Edwin Jackson, took a perfect game into the eighth inning at Minnesota on Sept. 5, in what was only his eighth big-league start. He gave up a leadoff double to Danny Valencia in the eighth but finished off a one-hit shutout, with nine strikeouts and no walks. Stewart lost his last three starts, however, and finished with a 6.22 ERA in his 50.2 innings with the White Sox.

TOUGH GUYS Paul Konerko missed only two games in June after undergoing a procedure to dislodge a fragment in his left wrist. Adam Dunn missed only six games after an appendectomy in April.

UNOFFICIAL NL CHAMPIONS The White Sox were 11-7 in interleague play in 2011, and are 50-22 over the last four seasons. They have won 19 of their last 20 series, including 10 in a row on the road.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK KEENYN WALKER

Because they sacrificed a first-round pick to sign Adam Dunn, the White Sox had to wait until the 47th pick to get into action. They made a high-risk, high-reward type of pick by selecting Walker, a center fielder from Central Arizona Junior College. He had been recruited to play football by Boise State and some Pac-12 schools but opted for baseball. In some ways he's the typical two-sport project; he covers a ton of ground and runs the bases well but has a lot of work to do at the plate. The White Sox will try to develop him as a leadoff option, knowing that he stole 70 bases in 73 tries last year at Central Arizona. A switch hitter, Walker was regarded as a better pure hitter from the left side in college but had more success batting right-handed last season. He has a plus arm and plus range in center field, drawing comparisons to Carlos Beltran and Devon White.



2010 TOP PICK

Chris Sale, LHP, Florida Gulf Coast The 13th pick overall, Sale needed only 11 appearances in the minors to go from Florida Gulf Coast to Chicago.

2009 TOP PICK

Jared Mitchell, OF, LSU A speedy outfielder who helped LSU win the College World Series, Mitchell has seen his development slowed because of a major ankle injury and trouble making contact.

2008 TOP PICK

Gordon Beckham, INF, Georgia Some wonder if Beckham was rushed to the big leagues, as he hasn't hit like he was expected to.

2007 TOP PICK

Aaron Poreda, RHP, San Francisco Sent to San Diego in the Jake Peavy deal, he was recently selected by Pittsburgh in the minor league phase of the Rule 5 Draft.

2006 TOP PICK

Kyle McCulloch, RHP, Texas A winner at the University of Texas, but his stuff didn't translate well to pro baseball; he spent 2011 in the Reds' system.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Nestor Molina (23) Impact arm with advanced command but hasn't worked more than 130.1 innings in a season.

RHP Simon Castro (23) Was traded by the Padres after a disappointing 2011 but gets new start as key piece in Carlos Quentin trade.

OF Trayce Thompson (21) Making a name for himself as a power hitter and solid outfielder but remains a long way from Chicago.

RHP Jacob Petricka (23) Power arm climbs to Double-A, positioned for a possible breakout season that could get him to Chicago in 2013.

SS Tyler Saladino (22) Sure-handed infielder with ability to hit 10-20 home runs; could be a position-change candidate if Gordon Beckham or Brent Morel lose their jobs.

WHITE SOX ROSTER

General Manager: Ken Williams **Manager:** Robin Ventura **Coaches:** Harold Baines (first base) Don Cooper, (pitching), Jeff Manto (hitting), Joe McEwing (third base), Juan Nieves (bullpen), Mark Parent (bench)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
39	Dylan Axelrod	R-R	6-0	195	7/30/85	CHICAGO AL	1-0	2.89	4	3	0	18.2	18	9	19	
						Charlotte (AAA)	6-1	2.27	15	15	0	91.1	74	21	75	
						Birmingham (AA)	3-2	3.34	11	9	0	59.1	52	14	57	
64	Anthony Carter	L-R	6-3	210	4/4/86	Charlotte (AAA)	0-2	7.23	35	0	3	47.1	60	26	48	
						Birmingham (AA)	1-0	1.26	12	0	5	14.1	6	5	14	
	Simon Castro	R-R	6-5	210	4/9/88	Tucson (AAA)	2-2	10.17	6	6	0	25.2	37	18	21	
						San Antonio (AA)	5-6	4.33	16	16	0	89.1	95	16	73	
26	Jesse Crain	R-R	6-1	215	7/5/81	CHICAGO AL	8-3	2.62	67	0	11	65.1	50	31	70	
50	John Danks	L-L	6-1	215	4/15/85	CHICAGO AL	8-12	4.33	27	27	0	170.1	182	46	135	
						Charlotte (AAA)	1-0	2.00	2	2	0	9.0	9	2	6	
34	Gavin Floyd	R-R	6-6	240	1/27/83	CHICAGO AL	12-13	4.37	31	30	0	193.2	180	45	151	
58	Jason Frasor	R-R	5-9	180	8/9/77	TORONTO	2-1	2.89	44	0	0	42.1	38	15	37	
						CHICAGO AL	1-2	5.09	20	0	0	17.2	20	11	20	
	Deunte Heath	R-R	6-4	215	8/8/85	Charlotte (AAA)	4-7	4.73	30	16	1	102.2	98	62	117	
	Pedro Hernandez	L-L	5-10	200	4/12/89	Tucson (AAA)	2-1	6.00	4	4	0	18.0	28	6	7	
						San Antonio (AA)	3-2	3.48	9	8	0	41.1	39	10	43	
						Lake Elsinore (A)	5-0	2.70	15	6	0	56.2	52	6	44	
41	Philip Humber	R-R	6-3	210	12/21/82	CHICAGO AL	9-9	3.75	28	26	0	163.0	151	41	116	
						Charlotte (AAA)	0-0	7.20	1	1	0	5.0	7	1	5	
47	Gregory Infante	R-R	6-2	215	7/10/87	Charlotte (AAA)	1-4	3.35	34	0	4	48.1	50	21	40	
						Birmingham (AA)	2-0	0.00	12	0	7	15.1	7	7	14	
65	Nate Jones	R-R	6-5	185	1/28/86	Birmingham (AA)	2-3	3.27	42	0	12	63.1	58	27	67	
	Charlie Leesman	L-L	6-4	210	3/10/87	Birmingham (AA)	10-7	4.03	27	27	0	152.0	150	83	113	
	Jhan Marínez	R-R	6-1	200	8/12/88	Jacksonville (AA)	3-8	3.57	56	0	3	58.0	47	42	74	
	Nestor Molina	R-R	6-1	180	1/9/89	New Hampshire (AA)	2-0	0.41	5	5	0	22.0	12	2	33	
						Dunedin (A)	10-3	2.58	21	18	0	108.1	102	14	115	
77	Will Ohman	L-L	6-2	225	8/13/77	CHICAGO AL	1-3	4.22	59	0	0	53.1	53	17	54	
44	Jake Peavy	R-R	6-1	195	5/31/81	CHICAGO AL	7-7	4.92	19	18	0	111.2	117	24	95	
						Charlotte (AAA)	1-1	3.65	4	4	0	24.2	21	1	26	
						Birmingham (AA)	0-0	6.23	2	2	0	4.1	9	1	4	
	Jose Quintana	L-L	6-0	170	1/24/89	Tampa (A)	10-2	2.91	30	12	1	102.0	86	28	88	
43	Addison Reed	L-R	6-4	220	12/27/88	CHICAGO AL	0-0	3.68	0	0	0	7.1	10	1	12	
						Charlotte (AAA)	0-0	1.27	11	0	2	21.1	8	2	28	
						Birmingham (AA)	0-1	0.87	13	0	2	20.2	10	6	33	
						Winston-Salem (A)	2-0	1.59	15	0	0	28.1	21	4	39	
						Kannapolis (A)	0-0	1.13	4	0	0	8.0	4	1	11	
49	Chris Sale	L-L	6-6	180	3/30/89	CHICAGO AL	2-2	2.79	58	0	8	71.0	52	27	79	
60	Hector Santiago	R-L	6-0	210	12/16/87	CHICAGO AL	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	5.1	1	1	2	
						Birmingham (AA)	7-5	3.56	15	15	0	83.1	71	39	74	
						Winston-Salem (A)	2-3	3.68	8	8	0	44.0	38	14	43	
48	Zach Stewart	R-R	6-2	205	9/28/86	CHICAGO AL	2-5	6.22	10	8	0	50.2	64	13	35	
						Charlotte (AAA)	0-1	4.26	1	1	0	6.1	10	0	5	
						TORONTO	0-1	4.86	3	3	0	16.2	26	5	10	
						New Hampshire (AA)	5-5	4.20	16	16	0	94.1	106	27	74	
37	Matt Thornton	L-L	6-6	235	9/15/76	CHICAGO AL	2-5	3.32	62	0	3	59.2	60	21	63	
	Donnie Veal	L-L	6-4	240	9/18/84	Indianapolis (AAA)	0-0	5.68	7	0	0	6.1	5	7	7	
						Altoona (AA)	0-1	7.71	4	0	0	4.2	9	0	3	
						Bradenton (A)	0-1	2.79	7	4	0	19.1	17	0	18	
						GCL Pirates (R)	0-0	5.40	1	1	0	1.2	1	2	3	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
17	Tyler Flowers	R-R	6-4	245	1/24/86	CHICAGO AL	.209	38	110	13	23	5	16	14	38	0
						Charlotte (AAA)	.261	65	222	36	58	15	32	39	84	2
12	A.J. Pierzynski	L-R	6-3	225	12/30/76	CHICAGO AL	.287	129	464	38	133	8	49	23	33	0
						Charlotte (AAA)	.200	3	10	2	2	0	1	0	2	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
15	Gordon Beckham	R-R	6-0	190	9/16/86	CHICAGO AL	.230	150	499	60	115	10	44	35	11	5
32	Adam Dunn	L-R	6-6	285	11/9/79	CHICAGO AL	.159	122	415	36	66	11	42	75	177	0
62	Eduardo Escobar	S-R	5-10	165	1/5/89	CHICAGO AL	.286	9	7	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
						Charlotte (AAA)	.286	137	489	55	130	4	49	27	104	13
14	Paul Konerko	R-R	6-2	220	3/5/76	CHICAGO AL	.300	149	543	69	163	31	105	77	89	1
	Ozzie Martínez	R-R	5-10	190	5/7/88	MIAMI	.130	20	23	0	3	0	1	0	9	0
						New Orleans (AAA)	.245	88	339	43	83	3	26	21	57	11
22	Brent Morel	R-R	6-2	220	4/21/87	CHICAGO AL	.245	126	413	44	101	10	41	22	57	5
10	Alexei Ramírez	R-R	6-2	175	9/22/81	CHICAGO AL	.269	158	614	81	165	15	70	41	84	7
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
30	Alejandro de Azá	L-L	6-0	190	4/11/84	CHICAGO AL	.329	54	152	29	50	4	23	17	34	12
						Charlotte (AAA)	.322	99	385	64	124	9	37	33	72	22
	Jordan Danks	L-R	6-4	210	8/7/86	Charlotte (AAA)	.257	133	463	65	119	14	65	57	155	18
18	Brent Lillibridge	R-R	5-11	185	9/18/83	CHICAGO AL	.258	97	186	38	48	13	29	17	62	10
51	Alex Ríos	R-R	6-5	210	2/18/81	CHICAGO AL	.227	145	537	64	122	13	44	27	68	11
24	Dayan Vicedo	R-R	5-11	230	3/10/89	CHICAGO AL	.255	29	102	11	26	1	6	9	23	1
						Charlotte (AAA)	.296	119	452	60	134	20	78	45	83	2



CLEVELAND INDIANS

**2012
PREDICTION**

2ND

AL CENTRAL

**2011
RECORD
80-82**

HOME: 44-37 ROAD: 36-45

TEAM STADIUM

Progressive Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

866-48-TRIBE 43,345

TEAM WEBSITE

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**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 96 1st

2008 81 3rd

2009 65 t-4th

2010 69 4th

2011 80 2nd

If the Indians are going to contend in the AL Central this season, they'll need to make another double-digit leap in victories. They went from 69 to 80 wins last year for an 11-game improvement and a second-place finish. How hard will it be to jump from 80 to 90-plus victories this year? Remember Evel Knievel's attempt to clear the Snake River Canyon on a rocket-powered motorcycle?

Not to say that it can't be done, but the Indians will need to make significant improvements on offense this season. Re-signing Grady Sizemore and sprinkling him with magic dust to keep him healthy after five surgeries in the last three years isn't going to be enough. The Indians, one of MLB's youngest teams, believe improvement by young position players such as Carlos Santana, Jason Kipnis and Lonnie Chisenhall will help. They also need their starting outfield of Michael Brantley, Shin-Soo Choo and Sizemore not only to return to full health, but also to stay that way. They have little, if any help, behind them.

Pitching drives the Indians. It carried them into September in a gutsy but futile chase of Detroit last year, and it will make or break them this year. While Justin Masterson established himself as a No. 1 starter in 2011, all eyes will be on Ubaldo Jimenez, a July deadline acquisition from Colorado. Is he the ace he looked like with the Rockies in 2010 when he started the All-Star Game, or the enigma the Indians acquired? The bullpen, led by closer Chris Perez, has been excellent for the last one-and-a-half seasons and should continue to prosper.

ROTATION Masterson, Jimenez, Josh Tomlin, Derek Lowe and hopefully Roberto Hernandez Heredia — a.k.a. Fausto Carmona — will open the year as manager Manny

Acta's all-right-handed starting five. Heredia, who is three years older (31) than previously thought, was arrested in January for using a false identity to secure a U.S. visa. Lowe was acquired from Atlanta right after the World Series because the team's deep well of starters ran dry. Drew Pomeranz and Alex White, former No. 1 picks, were traded for Jimenez, and Carlos Carrasco will miss this season because of right elbow surgery. Masterson and Tomlin are in position to build on their 12-victory seasons in 2011. New pitching coach Scott Radinsky needs some big market corrections from Jimenez, Lowe and Heredia. Jimenez is a mechanical mess, and Lowe and Heredia combined to lose 32 games last year. Jeanmar Gomez, David Huff, Zach McAllister, Corey Kluber and Scott Barnes provide depth. Gomez will get the first call.

BULLPEN A fan nicknamed the relievers the "Bullpen Mafia." This is a talented group that forms the core of the team. Perez converted 90 percent (36-for-40) of his saves last season, but he is a high-wire act who can induce panic among fans. Perez is surrounded by setup men who provide various looks, from lefties Rafael Perez and Tony Sipp to side-arming righties Joe Smith and Vinnie Pestano to hard-throwing righthander Frank Herrmann. There was talk during the winter that the Indians might trade Perez to add offense. If that does happen, Pestano would be next

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ C Carlos Santana

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ RP Chris Perez



BUY LOW ♦ 2B Jason Kipnis

SELL HIGH ♦ SP Josh Tomlin

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ OF Grady Sizemore

IPO ♦ 2B Cord Phelps

FUTURES MARKET ♦ 1B Jesus Aguilar

INSIDER TIP ♦ Don't pay for Asdrubal Cabrera's power breakout, but open your theoretical wallet for a Kipnis emergence, a Shin-Soo Choo comeback and another Justin Masterson stride forward.



ASDRUBAL CABRERA

DIFFERENCE MAKER **UBALDO JIMENEZ**

Jimenez needs to have a big season — not only for the Indians but also for himself. The Indians paid a steep price for the former ace of the Rockies — who is under team control through 2013 — and were deeply concerned in the 11 starts he made after the deal. The Indians sent a trainer to the Dominican Republic for the entire offseason to work with Jimenez, who must refine his delivery, throw fewer pitches and compete much better than he did last year.

in line to close. Free agent Chad Durbin won't be back, but veteran righthander Robinson Tejeda, if healthy, along with lefty Nick Hagadone and righty Zach Putnam will compete to replace him.

MIDDLE INFIELD Shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera is the Indians' best all-around player, but they need a full season from him. He hit .293 in the first half of the season but only .244 (60-for-246) in the second half. Cabrera doesn't have to hit 25 homers as he did last year, but he must be more consistent both offensively and defensively from Opening Day to the end of the season. Jason Kipnis will start at second base. He showed power and production in his brief big league debut last year but had a hard time staying healthy. The converted center fielder is still raw defensively, which could mean trouble with a starting rotation dominated by ground-ball pitchers. Jason Donald can back up at both positions.

CORNERS First base and third base are unresolved. At first, Matt LaPorta has fallen into disfavor. He was the key player in the 2008 deal that sent CC Sabathia to Milwaukee, but the former first-round pick out of Florida has not shown consistent production. Santana, a switch-hitting catcher, made 63 starts at first last year and could make even more this year. Shelley Duncan is a capable reserve. Chisenhall will get every chance to be the Opening Day third baseman. He's raw defensively but showed flashes of power. He was protected against lefties, but still hit .260 in 50 at-bats vs. southpaws. If Chisenhall isn't ready, Jack Hannahan would be in line for significant playing time. He displayed Gold Glove defense last year. Donald, Jose Lopez and Andy LaRoche, another spring-training invitee, can play third as well.

OUTFIELD Last year Brantley led the Indians' starting outfielders in games played with 114. Choo, on the disabled list twice, played 85. Sizemore, on the disabled list three times, played 71. Brantley missed all of September with a broken hamate bone in his right hand. If healthy, Sizemore and Choo have demonstrated in the past that they can produce offensively. Brantley is still trying to establish himself offensively, but he appears to be more of a top-of-the-order hitter. A DUI and a broken left thumb wrecked Choo's 2011 season, but in 2009 and 2010 he hit .300 and was a 20-20 man. Sizemore, a member of the 30-30 club in 2008, is still trying to rebound from microfracture surgery on his left knee in 2010 and arthroscopic surgery on his right knee at the end of the 2011 season. Ezequiel Carrera and Duncan will compete for an extra outfield spot after seeing plenty of playing time last year. Aaron Cunningham, out of options, was acquired in a trade with San Diego, and Felix Pie was signed to a minor league deal for depth. Duncan and Cunningham offer balance as right-handed hitters because Sizemore, Brantley and Choo hit from the left side.

STATISTICIAN

- 13** Times the Indians' offense was shut out last year, tied for third-most in the American League.
- .214** Indians combined batting average in 10 games against the AL champion Texas Rangers.
- 5.4** Runs the Indians averaged per game when they went 18-8 in April.
- 2.01** Joe Smith's ERA, fourth-best in the AL among pitchers with at least 60 innings pitched.
- 71** Appearances for both Smith and Rafael Perez, which tied for second in the AL.
- 27** Consecutive appearances in which Smith did not allow an earned run, which tied for the third-longest in club history.
- 5-0** Justin Masterson's record in his first five starts of last season.
- 27** Homers last season for Carlos Santana, a club record for switch-hitters.

INDIANS

BATTING ORDER

CF Grady Sizemore (L)	Indians re-signed him for \$5 million, but he hasn't been healthy for three years.
SS Asdrubal Cabrera (S)	Won the Silver Slugger last year, but lost the Gold Glove because he ran out of gas in second half.
RF Shin-Soo Choo (L)	Must hit better than .205 (17-for-83) with runners in scoring position to stay in No. 3 spot.
C Carlos Santana (S)	He hit just .239, but slugged .457 because of 64 extra base hits; also had 97 walks.
DH Travis Hafner (L)	Is there a big season bubbling inside Hafner in his walk year, or will it be more of the same?
2B Jason Kipnis (L)	He hit six homers last year in his first 16 big league games.
3B Lonnie Chisenhall (L)	He hit five of his seven big-league homers last year against lefties.
1B Matt LaPorta (R)	Inconsistency at the plate could lead to LaPorta opening the year at Class AAA Columbus.
LF Michael Brantley (L)	He hit .289 (90-for-311) against righties, but just .214 (30-for-140) against lefties.

BENCH

C Lou Marson (R)	Threw out 38.5 percent (30-of-78) of the basestealers he faced.
INF Jack Hannahan (L)	Provides stellar defense at third and first and hit .296 (32-for-108) against lefties.
UT Jason Donald (R)	Hit .377 (23-for-61) against lefties and can play second, short, third and the outfield.
UT Shelley Duncan (R)	Ranked third in the American League with 23 RBIs in September.

ROTATION

RH Justin Masterson	Allowed the second-fewest homers per nine innings (11 in 216) in the American League.
RH Ubaldo Jimenez	Averaged 8.6 strikeouts per nine innings last year, but AL batters slugged .448 against him.
RH Roberto Heredia	Pitcher formerly known as Fausto Carmona is 33-48 since going 19-8 in '07 — and he's 31 years old, not 28.
RH Josh Tomlin	Finished first in the AL in fewest batters walked per nine innings with an average of 1.143 walks.
RH Derek Lowe	He's durable, but can he bounce back from 17-loss season with the Braves against AL lineups?

BULLPEN

RH Chris Perez (Closer)	Strikeouts dropped from 61 in 2010 to 39 last year, but finished fourth in AL with 36 saves.
RH Vinnie Pestano	Righthanders hit just .115 (15-for-130) against him with four extra base hits.
LH Tony Sipp	Allowed 10 homers in 62.1 innings, but overall the opposition hit just .201 (45-for-224) against him.
LH Rafael Perez	His ERA was 1.91 in the first half of the season compared to 4.62 in the second half.
RH Joe Smith	Lefties hit .342 (13-for-38) against him in 2010, but .152 (12-for-79) in 2011.
RH Frank Herrmann	Long-relief man who does well against righties, not so well against lefties.
LH Nick Hagadone	He has a big arm, but he also has control issues that could be a concern.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Jack Hannahan won the third base job last spring when Jason Donald suffered a broken hand. Lonnie Chisenhall, the third baseman of the future, opened the season at Class AAA Columbus. The Indians promoted Chisenhall in late June when Hannahan stopped hitting, but he didn't win the job outright. The Indians signed Andy LaRoche and Jose Lopez to make the competition at the hot corner even hotter. The race for the extra outfield spots will be close as well. Shelley Duncan, Ezequiel Carrera, Aaron Cunningham, Felix Pie and Donald will be competing for one or two spots.

STATLINE



LOWEST SB% AGAINST, 2011

1. Josh Tomlin, Indians 00.0
2. Mark Buehrle, White Sox 30.0
- 3t. Wade Davis, Rays 33.3
- 3t. Jeremy Guthrie, Orioles 33.3
- 3t. Kyle Lohse, Cardinals 33.3 (min. 162 IP)



INDIANS

SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				TOR		TOR
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TOR	CWS	CWS	CWS		KC	KC
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
KC		SEA	SEA	OAK	OAK	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
OAK		KC	KC	KC	LAA	LAA
29	30					
LAA						

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		CWS	CWS	CWS	TEX	TEX
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TEX	CWS	CWS	CWS	BOS	BOS	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
BOS	MIN	MIN	SEA	SEA	MIA	MIA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
MIA		DET	DET	DET	CWS	CWS
27	28	29	30	31		
CWS	KC	KC	KC			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					MIN	MIN
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MIN		DET	DET	DET	STL	STL
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
STL		CIN	CIN	CIN	PIT	PIT
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
PIT	CIN	CIN	CIN		HOU	HOU
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HOU	NY	NY	NY	BAL	BAL	BAL

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
BAL	LAA	LAA	LAA	TB	TB	TB
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TB					TOR	TOR
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
TOR	TB	TB	TB	TB	BAL	BAL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
BAL	BAL	DET	DET	DET	MIN	MIN
29	30	31				
MIN		KC				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			KC	KC	DET	DET
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
DET	MIN	MIN	MIN	BOS	BOS	BOS
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BOS	LAA	LAA	LAA		OAK	OAK
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
OAK	SEA	SEA	SEA		NY	NY
26	27	28	29	30	31	
NY	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	TEX	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						TEX
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TEX	DET	DET	DET		MIN	MIN
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MIN	MIN	TEX	TEX	DET	DET	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
DET		MIN	MIN	MIN	KC	KC
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
KC	CWS	CWS	CWS		KC	KC
30	1	2	3			
KC	CWS	CWS	CWS			



CATCHING The Indians want Santana to get most of his playing time at catcher. They believe his offense (27 HRs, 79 RBIs, 97 walks, .457 slugging percentage) helps the team more at a premium defensive position rather than having him play exclusively at first base. The problem is that when they do move Santana to first, usually against a lefthander, the offense suffers, because backup Lou Marson hit just .230 with 19 RBIs in 79 games last season. The Indians did sign veteran Matt Pagnozzi to a minor league deal to push Marson for playing time.

DH/BENCH This is the final year of Travis Hafner's four-year \$57 million deal, and the Indians probably started counting it down on Jan. 1, 2012. It's not only the biggest contract in team history, but it's also probably the worst, given Hafner's lack of production over the last four years because of a damaged right shoulder that required surgery in 2008. Hafner hasn't played more

than 118 games or driven in more than 57 runs in any of the last four seasons, appearing in 94 games in 2011. The leading candidates for bench jobs include Marson at catcher, Duncan at first and the outfield, Donald, Hannahan and Jose Lopez as utility infielders and Carrera, Cunningham and Pie in the outfield.

MANAGEMENT The front office was impressed enough with Acta following the 2011 season to exercise his 2013 option. The Indians were 30-15 on May 23, saw a significant uptick at the turnstiles and still owned a piece of first place in the AL Central on July 20 before fading. GM Chris Antonetti was aggressive in his second year. He mortgaged the future in the Jimenez trade by trading former No. 1 picks Pomeranz and White. In the offseason he struck early by trading for Lowe and re-signing Sizemore.

FINAL ANALYSIS The Indians have the talent to be a factor in the AL Central. They will need another solid season from their starters, and their key offensive players must perform at a high level and, most importantly, remain healthy. If Sizemore and Choo spend more time on the disabled list than on the active roster, this team is going to have a tough time making another significant leap in the win column.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

CLEVELAND INDIANS

DROP ZONE Spurred by a record 18 wins in April, the Indians sprinted to a 30-15 record on May 23. They had a seven-game lead in the AL Central, but from that point on they went 50-67 to finish second, 15 games behind Detroit.

LITTLE BIG MAN Asdrubal Cabrera hit 18 homers in 1,415 career at-bats before last season. In spring training, teammate Orlando Cabrera watched the power Asdrubal Cabrera showed in batting practice and told him he should pick an at-bat or two every game and try to drive the ball. Asdrubal Cabrera, who had always tried to slap the ball and hit for average, took his advice and hit 25 homers in 604 at-bats last year.

GOOD TEAMMATES When Jack Hannahan's wife, Jenny, went into premature labor with their first child in August, the Indians had just completed a series in Boston and were headed for Texas. Hannahan was going to return to Cleveland to be with his wife, but the next available flight wasn't until 6 a.m.

the next day. Hannahan, a journeyman, didn't have \$35,000 to spend on a private jet, but his teammates did. Hannahan walked into the hospital at 2:56 a.m., and Johnny Hannahan, all 2 pounds and 11 ounces of him, was born 15 minutes later.

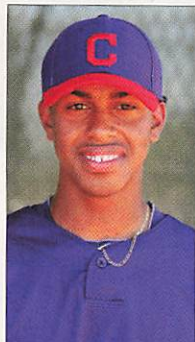
THOU SHALT NOT STEAL Righthander Josh Tomlin went 12-7 in 26 starts last season. In 165.1 innings, he allowed 181 baserunners. Not one of them attempted a stolen base. According to Elias Sports Bureau, it was the first time since 1969 that a pitcher who qualified for the ERA title did not allow a stolen base attempt during the season.

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES The Indians re-acquired Jim Thome on Aug. 25 in a deal with the Twins. On Aug. 27, Thome homered off Kansas City's Danny Duffy. It was his first homer as an Indian since Sept. 28, 2002, when he went deep against KC's Jeremy Affeldt. The gap between homers covered nearly nine seasons and 268 homers by Thome, the Indians' all-time home run leader.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK FRANCISCO LINDOR

The Indians drafted Lindor, a high school shortstop, with the eighth overall pick in the first round. They paid the 17-year-old switch-hitter \$2.9 million to sign out of Montverde Academy in Florida before sending him to Class A Mahoning Valley in the New York-Penn League. He hit .316 (6-for-19) in five games before he reported to the Arizona Instructional League. Lindor moved to Florida from Puerto Rico when he was 13. He's probably three or four years away from the big leagues, but the Indians believe he can play shortstop when he gets there. He has a line-drive swing from both sides of the plate that allowed him to hit .528 (28-for-53) in his senior year at Montverde.



2010 TOP PICK

Drew Pomeranz, LHP, Ole Miss Traded to Colorado in July for Ubaldo Jimenez. Should be in Rockies Opening Day rotation in 2012.

2009 TOP PICK

Alex White, RHP, North Carolina Traded to Colorado in July for Jimenez. Has a chance to be in Rockies' Opening Day rotation in 2012 if his right middle finger is healthy and he can keep the ball inside Coors Field.

2008 TOP PICK

Lonnie Chisenhall, 3B, Pitt (N.C.) CC If he has a good spring, he should be the Indians' regular third baseman.

2007 TOP PICK

Beau Mills, 1B, Lewis-Clark State Finally made it to Class AAA last year, but not considered a serious contender for the first base job.

2006 TOP PICK

David Huff, LHP, UCLA Huff was the 39th player taken in 2006. He's spent parts of the last three seasons in the Tribe's rotation. He's considered a depth starter.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Jeanmar Gomez (24) Up and down three times last year before winning five straight starts. Will probably start the year at Triple-A Columbus.

RHP Zach Putnam (24) A fifth-round pick in 2008, Putnam made his big league debut last season.

RHP Zach McAllister (24) Yankees third-round pick in 2006 who made his big league debut with the Indians last year. Should start the year at Triple-A.

OF Ezequiel Carrera (24) Played 68 games with Indians last year, but will probably open year at Triple-A.

1B Jesus Aguilar (22) Big right-handed hitting slugger combined to hit 23 home runs and 30 doubles at Class A Lake County and high-A Kingston.

INDIANS ROSTER

General Manager: Chris Antonetti **Manager:** Manny Acta **Coaches:** Sandy Alomar, Jr. (bench), Bruce Fields (batting), Dave Miller (bullpen), Scott Radinsky (pitching), Steve Smith (third base), Tom Wiedenbauer (first base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
	Scott Barnes	L-L	6-4	197	9/5/87	Columbus (AAA)	7-4	3.68	16	15	0	88.0	80	34	90
59	Carlos Carrasco	R-R	6-3	212	3/21/87	CLEVELAND	1-0	1.64	2	2	0	11.0	5	2	17
						Akron (AA)	8-9	4.62	21	21	0	124.2	130	40	85
						Akron (AA)	0-0	9.82	1	1	0	3.2	4	3	3
61	Kelvin De La Cruz	L-L	6-5	187	8/1/88	Akron (AA)	5-6	4.19	23	16	2	86.0	70	57	95
58	Jeanmar Gomez	R-R	6-3	180	2/10/88	CLEVELAND	5-3	4.47	11	10	0	58.1	73	15	31
						Columbus (AAA)	10-7	2.55	21	21	0	137.2	123	49	107
						Mahoning Valley (A)	0-0	2.25	1	1	0	4.0	5	0	3
50	Nick Hagadone	L-L	6-5	230	1/1/86	CLEVELAND	1-0	4.09	9	0	0	11.0	4	6	11
						Columbus (AAA)	4-3	3.35	34	0	4	48.1	42	15	53
						Akron (AA)	2-1	1.59	12	0	0	22.2	14	7	24
55	Roberto Heredia	R-R	6-4	230	12/7/80	CLEVELAND	7-15	5.25	32	32	0	188.2	205	60	109
56	Frank Herrmann	L-R	6-4	220	5/30/84	CLEVELAND	4-0	5.11	40	0	0	56.1	71	16	34
						Columbus (AAA)	0-0	5.91	9	0	0	10.2	13	4	12
28	David Huff	S-L	6-2	215	8/22/84	CLEVELAND	2-6	4.09	11	10	0	50.2	55	17	36
						Columbus (AAA)	9-3	3.87	18	18	0	107.0	111	30	66
38	Ubaldo Jimenez	R-R	6-5	210	1/22/84	CLEVELAND	4-4	5.10	11	11	0	65.1	68	27	62
						COLORADO	6-9	4.46	21	21	0	123.0	118	51	118
34	Corey Kluber	R-R	6-4	215	4/10/86	CLEVELAND	0-0	8.31	3	0	0	4.1	6	3	5
						Columbus (AAA)	7-11	5.56	27	27	0	150.2	153	70	143
32	Derek Lowe	R-R	6-6	230	6/1/73	ATLANTA	9-17	5.05	34	34	0	187.0	212	70	137
63	Justin Masterson	R-R	6-6	250	3/22/85	CLEVELAND	12-10	3.21	34	33	0	216.0	211	65	158
57	Zach McAllister	R-R	6-6	240	12/8/87	CLEVELAND	0-1	6.11	4	4	0	17.2	26	7	14
						Columbus (AAA)	12-3	3.32	25	25	0	154.2	155	31	128
54	Chris Perez	R-R	6-4	230	7/1/85	CLEVELAND	4-7	3.32	64	0	36	59.2	46	26	39
53	Rafael Perez	L-L	6-3	195	5/15/82	CLEVELAND	5-2	3.00	71	0	0	63.0	59	19	33
52	Vinnie Pestano	R-R	6-0	200	2/20/85	CLEVELAND	1-2	2.32	67	0	2	62.0	41	24	84
44	Zach Putnam	R-R	6-2	225	7/3/87	CLEVELAND	1-1	6.14	8	0	0	7.1	10	0	9
						Columbus (AAA)	6-3	3.65	44	0	9	69.0	61	23	68
	Danny Salazar	R-R	6-0	185	1/11/90	Lake County (A)	0-2	3.38	3	3	0	8.0	8	2	7
						AZL Indians (R)	0-0	2.70	5	5	0	6.2	6	2	11
46	Tony Sipp	L-L	6-0	190	7/12/83	CLEVELAND	6-3	3.03	69	0	0	62.1	45	24	57
38	Joe Smith	R-R	6-2	205	3/22/84	CLEVELAND	3-3	2.01	71	0	0	67.0	52	21	45
						Akron (AA)	0-0	2.45	4	0	0	3.2	1	2	7
	Robinson Tejeda	R-R	6-2	245	3/24/82	KANSAS CITY	0-1	6.14	9	0	0	7.1	12	3	2
						Omaha (AAA)	0-3	3.80	31	0	1	45.0	40	15	43
43	Josh Tomlin	R-R	6-1	190	10/19/84	CLEVELAND	12-7	4.25	26	26	0	165.1	157	21	89
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
30	Lou Marson	R-R	6-1	200	6/26/86	PITTSBURGH	.230	79	243	26	56	1	19	24	68
	Matt Pagnozzi	R-R	6-2	205	11/10/82	PITTSBURGH	.250	5	8	0	2	0	1	0	2
						COLORADO	.286	7	21	2	6	0	2	1	8
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.275	54	178	26	49	3	29	16	40
41	Carlos Santana	S-R	5-11	170	4/8/86	CLEVELAND	.239	155	552	84	132	27	79	97	133
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
13	Asdrubal Cabrera	S-R	6-0	180	11/13/85	CLEVELAND	.273	151	604	87	165	25	92	44	119
27	Lonnie Chisenhall	L-R	6-2	190	10/4/88	CLEVELAND	.255	66	212	27	54	7	22	8	49
						Columbus (AAA)	.267	66	255	45	68	7	45	28	47
	Juan Diaz	S-R	6-4	200	12/12/88	Akron (AA)	.255	133	522	64	133	9	60	40	116
16	Jason Donald	R-R	6-1	190	9/4/84	Akron (AA)	.241	9	29	4	7	0	2	2	6
						Columbus (AAA)	.310	47	174	32	54	4	15	19	33
						CLEVELAND	.318	39	132	13	42	1	8	7	35
48	Travis Hafner	L-R	6-3	240	6/3/77	CLEVELAND	.280	94	325	41	91	13	57	36	78
						Akron (AA)	.500	2	6	2	3	0	0	1	1
9	Jack Hannahan	L-R	6-2	210	3/4/80	CLEVELAND	.250	110	320	38	80	8	40	38	80
22	Jason Kipnis	L-R	5-11	185	4/3/87	CLEVELAND	.272	36	136	24	37	7	19	11	34
						Columbus (AAA)	.280	92	343	65	96	12	55	44	72
7	Matt LaPorta	R-R	6-2	215	1/8/85	CLEVELAND	.247	107	352	34	87	11	53	23	87
						Columbus (AAA)	.444	2	9	2	4	1	3	0	1
	Andy LaRoche	R-R	6-1	195	9/13/83	OAKLAND	.247	40	93	10	23	0	5	8	19
						Sacramento (AAA)	.254	54	197	24	50	4	27	19	24
	Jose Lopez	R-R	6-0	205	11/24/83	COLORADO	.208	38	125	10	26	2	8	3	15
						MIAMI	.226	44	106	13	24	6	13	4	13
						New Orleans (AAA)	.400	32	125	24	50	9	30	6	12
35	Cord Phelps	S-R	6-2	200	1/23/87	CLEVELAND	.155	35	71	10	11	1	6	8	17
						Columbus (AAA)	.294	97	378	51	111	14	63	51	89
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
23	Michael Brantley	L-L	6-2	200	5/15/87	CLEVELAND	.266	114	451	63	120	7	46	34	76
12	Ezequiel Carrera	L-L	5-10	185	6/11/87	CLEVELAND	.243	68	202	27	49	0	14	16	35
						Columbus (AAA)	.287	82	328	63	94	2	25	39	53
17	Shin-Soo Choo	L-L	5-11	205	7/13/82	CLEVELAND	.259	85	313	37	81	8	36	36	78
						Lake County (A)	.000	3	8	0	0	0	1	0	2
	Aaron Cunningham	R-R	5-11	205	4/24/86	SAN DIEGO	.178	52	90	12	16	3	9	9	17
						Tucson (AAA)	.329	87	340	65	112	9	63	38	54
47	Shelley Duncan	R-R	6-5	225	9/29/79	CLEVELAND	.260	76	226	29	58	11	47	19	56
						Columbus (AAA)	.202	33	109	20	22	5	19	24	41
	Thomas Neal	R-R	6-2	222	8/17/87	Columbus (AAA)	.250	10	36	5	9	0	1	1	7
						Fresno (AAA)	.295	60	220	35	65	2	25	13	50
	Felix Pie	L-L	6-2	185	2/8/85	BALTIMORE	.220	85	164	15	36	0	7	10	32
						Norfolk (AAA)	.250	7	24	6	6	0	1	3	4
24	Grady Sizemore	L-L	6-2	200	8/2/82	CLEVELAND	.224	71	268	34	60	10	32	18	85
						Columbus (AAA)	.250	2	8	1	2	1	2	2	3
						Akron (AA)	.400	6	20	1	8	0	3	2	2
71	Nick Weglarz	L-L	6-3	240	12/16/87	Akron (AA)	.179	41	134	25	24	3	12	36	43



DETROIT TIGERS

2012 PREDICTION

1st

AL CENTRAL

2011 RECORD

95-67

HOME: 50-31 ROAD: 45-36

TEAM STADIUM

Comerica Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

313-962-4000 41,782

TEAM WEBSITE

detroit.tigers.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR WIN TREND

2007 88 2nd

2008 74 5th

2009 86 2nd

2010 81 3rd

2011 95 1st

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ 1B Miguel Cabrera

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Justin Verlander



BUY LOW ◇ SP Max Scherzer

SELL HIGH ◇ SP Doug Fister

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ RP Al Alburquerque

IPO ◇ SP Jacob Turner

FUTURES MARKET ◇ 3B Nick Castellanos

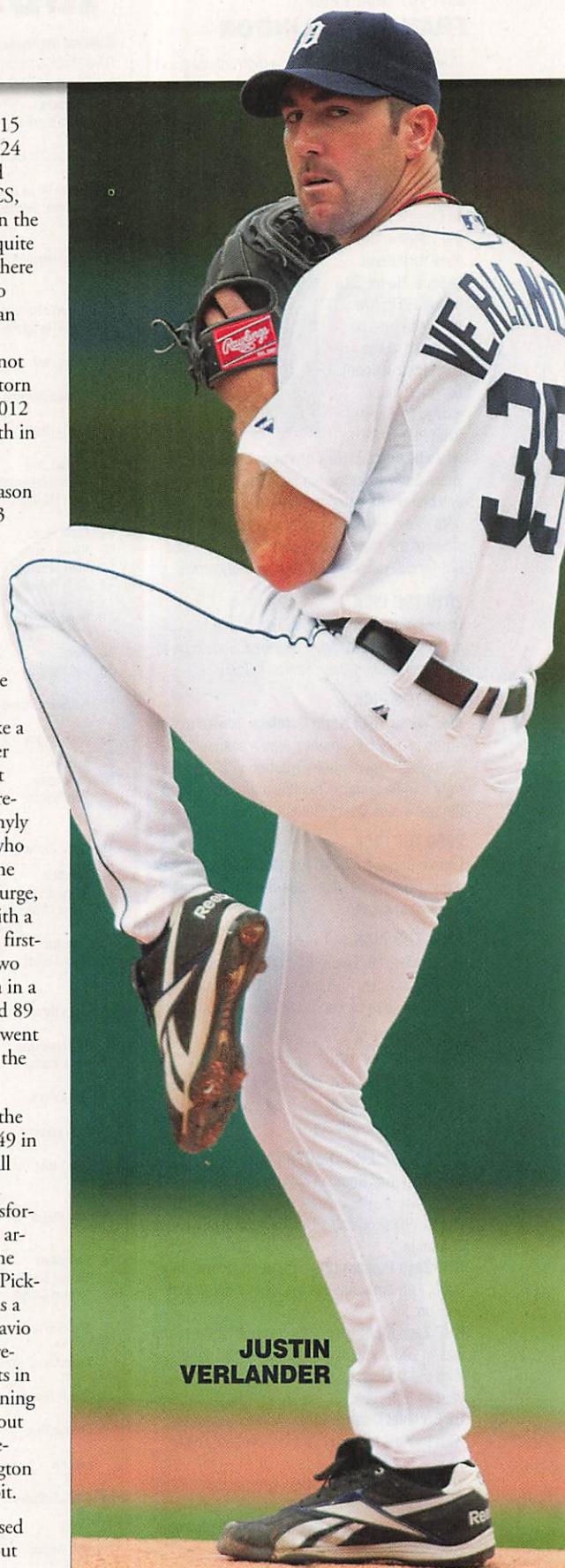
INSIDER TIP ◇ Take the dollars that someone else will spend on Fister and divide them up between Scherzer and Rick Porcello. One or both will outperform him.

After winning the AL Central by a whopping 15 games in 2011 for their first division title in 24 years, the Tigers appeared undermanned and overmatched against the Rangers in the ALCS, and a relatively quiet offseason leaves them in the same quandary they faced last October: Though they are quite certainly the best team yet again in the Central — where there is not even an obvious challenger to their supremacy — do they have the firepower to take the next step and become an October force? With a core that includes Miguel Cabrera, Justin Verlander, Jose Valverde and Alex Avila — but will not include Victor Martinez, who is out for the season with a torn ACL — the Tigers opted for only minor tweaks to their 2012 roster. In other words, management showed enormous faith in the team's personnel. Will it prove to be warranted?

ROTATION One big consideration for the Tigers' offseason budget was the fact that Verlander's salary jumps from \$13 million to \$20 million — not that anyone could argue that he isn't worth it, following a historic season that culminated in his winning both the AL Cy Young and MVP awards. Over the course of the past three seasons, Verlander leads the majors in wins (61) and strikeouts (738), while ranking third in innings pitched (715.1) and opponents' batting average (.221). There is, however, some question as to whether Verlander's heavy usage in 2011 (272.1 innings, regular and postseason combined) will take a toll in 2012. With righthanders Doug Fister, Max Scherzer and Rick Porcello (most likely in that order) entrenched at Nos. 2, 3 and 4, the fifth starter spot is the only one that remains up for grabs, with prospects Jacob Turner, Drew Smyly and lefty Andy Oliver among the top contenders. Fister, who went 8-1 with a 1.79 ERA after his trade-deadline acquisition, was the unsung hero of the Tigers' surge, and the team can't wait to see what he can do with a full season in Comerica Park. Scherzer, a former first-round pick of the Diamondbacks, is 27-20 in two seasons with Detroit since coming from Arizona in a three-team blockbuster. Porcello, who has started 89 games since breaking into the rotation in 2009, went 14-9 for the second time in his three seasons in the big leagues.

BULLPEN The Tigers' bullpen, anchored by the flawless performance of closer Valverde (49-for-49 in save opportunities), was a strength of the team all season, until it collapsed in the postseason (8.01 ERA). It turned out that Al Alburquerque's transformation from shut-down set-up man to October arsonist were injury-related; he had surgery over the winter and will miss the first part of the season. Picking up Valverde's \$9 million option for 2012 was a no-brainer, and the offseason acquisition of Octavio Dotel will help with depth until Alburquerque returns. Righthander Joaquin Benoit (63 strikeouts in 61 innings in 2011) returns as the top eighth-inning man, while Phil Coke and Daniel Schlereth fill out the pen from the left side. An odd reliever-for-reliever trade sent Ryan Perry packing for Washington and brought swingman Collin Balester to Detroit.

MIDDLE INFIELD The Tigers appeared poised to make an upgrade up the middle this winter, but



**JUSTIN
VERLANDER**

DIFFERENCE MAKER RICK PORCELLO

At 23, Porcello is already entering his fourth full season, with two 14-win seasons under his belt, but the Tigers are still waiting for him to make good on the promise demonstrated during his impressive rookie season of 2009. That year remains his best, in terms of ERA (3.96) and WHIP (1.34). Porcello is now at around the same point of his career that Justin Verlander and Jeremy Bonderman were at when they received their long-term contract extensions from the Tigers, but he needs to show greater consistency to warrant similar treatment.

despite plenty of speculation linking them to Jose Reyes, they never made a serious run at the free agent shortstop. That leaves Jhonny Peralta — a candidate to move to third — back at shortstop, coming off a career-high .299 batting average in 2011. Meanwhile, the Tigers re-signed Ramon Santiago to a two-year deal, meaning that he will likely platoon with Ryan Raburn at second base, with Santiago also filling in occasionally for Peralta at shortstop. As platoons go, Santiago/Raburn is a good one, with Raburn providing some pop at the plate, and Santiago offering a top-notch glove (along with the added bonus of being a switch-hitter). But it is justified for Tigers fans to be wondering whether the team will regret not upgrading at least half of its middle infield.

CORNER INFIELD Every year, Cabrera seems to reveal some new aspect of his game — a sign of his sheer brilliance as a hitter. In 2011, he cut down on his strikeouts, drew 19 more walks, posted career-highs in batting average (.344) and on-base percentage (.448). His dominant performance in the post-season (four homers, 1.261 OPS) only underscored the fact he is as fearsome a hitter as there is in the game. On the other hand, the Tigers could have used an upgrade at third base, where Peralta would have moved had the Tigers signed Reyes — but where, instead, it appears Don Kelly (.672 OPS in 2011) and Brandon Inge (.548) will serve as an uninspiring platoon in 2012. The Tigers say Inge has put on some muscle this offseason in hopes of producing more with the bat.

OUTFIELD Stats-savvy fans understood that Austin Jackson's remarkable production as a rookie in 2010 (.293/.345/.400) was largely due to an unsustainable .396 BABIP (batting average on balls in play), but few could have foreseen the extent of his precipitous drop in 2011 (.249/.317/.374). He still provides Gold Glove-caliber defense, but the Tigers could use some more offense — even if Jackson is no longer the clear-cut leadoff man. With Magglio Ordonez gone, Brennan Boesch gets the full-time right field job; he hit a solid .283/.341/.458 until suffering a thumb injury that ended his season in late August. In left field, the Tigers get a full season of Delmon Young, who was huge down the stretch (and in October) following the August trade that imported him from Minnesota.

CATCHING Avila emerged as a force in 2011, winning the Silver Slugger award and leading all catchers with an .887 OPS. He also endeared himself to management (one member of which, assistant GM Al Avila, is his father) and the fan base by playing through multiple nagging injuries in the playoffs. Still, it is fair to wonder whether the long campaign and a heavy usage pattern (he started 130 games at catcher) will have an adverse effect on him in 2012. The Tigers are counting on his bat to provide length to their lineup be-

STATISTICIAN

- 49 Stolen bases by the Tigers in 2011, fewest by a team in one season since the 2008 Padres (36).
- 8 Consecutive seasons in which first baseman Miguel Cabrera has appeared in at least 150 games.
- 311 Tigers' OBP from leadoff spot in 2011, which ranked 24th in majors.
- 351 Strikeouts by center fielder Austin Jackson in 2010-11, most by an AL hitter in that span.
- 8.01 Cumulative ERA of Tigers' relievers in 2011 postseason.
- 115.9 Pitches per start for Justin Verlander, most by any MLB pitcher since Livan Hernandez in 2005 (138.2).
- 7 Positions played by utilityman Don Kelly in 2011, including catcher (six innings) and pitcher (0.1 inning).

TIGERS

BATTING ORDER

CF Austin Jackson (R)	Fell 44 points in BA and 55 points in OPS from stellar 2010 rookie season.
RF Brennan Boesch (L)	Thumb injury derailed promising breakthrough in 2011 (.283/.341/.458).
LF Delmon Young (R)	Came up huge for Tigers after August trade, hitting six homers in September and five in October.
1B Miguel Cabrera (R)	Arguably the most feared hitter in AL, he posted career highs in 2011 in BA and OBP.
DH Ryan Raburn (R)	Best served in a utility role but might be pressed into DH duties after Victor Martinez's ACL injury.
C Alex Avila (L)	Breakthrough 2011 season included All-Star Game appearance, .295 average and an .895 OPS.
SS Jhonny Peralta (R)	Batted career-best .299 in 2011 and became first-time All-Star at age 29.
2B Ramon Santiago (S)	Platoon man became everyday starter late in the 2011 season, with solid results.
3B Brandon Inge (R)	Jim Leyland has extraordinary faith in 12th-year veteran despite anemic 2011 numbers.

BENCH

UT Don Kelly (L)	Versatile enough to play almost anywhere, but main role should be platoon at third base.
OF Clete Thomas (L)	Will have to battle for a roster spot in the spring; hit .351 with 12 HRs in Toledo last season.
C Gerald Laird (R)	Veteran returns after winning World Series ring in 2011 as a backup for the Cardinals.
OF Andy Dirks (L)	Solid contribution in 2011 — seven HRs and 28 RBIs in 219 at-bats — was rewarded with spot on playoff roster.

ROTATION

RH Justin Verlander	Historic season included pitching "Triple Crown," MVP award and Cy Young.
RH Doug Fister	After July trade from Seattle, served as Verlander's co-ace down the stretch.
RH Max Scherzer	Flamethrower won 15 games in 2011, but needs more consistency to fulfill his vast potential.
RH Rick Porcello	Crucial season for the former first-round pick and 2009 rookie sensation.
RH Jacob Turner	Team may prefer veteran lefty in this spot, but former top prospect Turner is next in line.

BULLPEN

RH Jose Valverde (Closer)	Despite nightly high-wire act, finished a perfect 49 for 49 in save opportunities in 2011.
RH Joaquin Benoit	Though not as dominant as in 2010, he remained one of best set-up men in the game in 2011.
RH Octavio Dotel	Free agent signee will provide late-inning depth while Al Albuquerque (elbow) recovers.
LH Daniel Schlereth	Succeeds in shutting down left-handed batters (.174/.273/.256 in 2011).
LH Phil Coke	After failed rotation experiment in April and May, had solid season out of pen.
RH David Pauley	Came to Tigers from Seattle as part of Doug Fister trade in July.
RH Collin Balester	Former Nationals top pitching prospect arrived in November trade.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The highest-profile battle involves the unsettled fifth starter's job, where top pitching prospect Jacob Turner is the most intriguing internal candidate, with Andy Oliver and possibly Drew Smyly also in the mix. But with platoon situations at two infield spots (second base and third base) and plenty of maneuverability in the outfield as well, the spring should be seen as a battle for playing time (if not necessarily roster spots) all over the field. The back end of the bullpen also has some room for a stealth candidate or two.

STATLINE



ALL-TIME PITCHERS WIN% BY BIRTHPLACE

1. Alaska*	.538
2. Nebraska	.534
3. Arkansas	.526
4. Montana	.525
5. Minnesota	.523

*home of Daniel Schlereth, the only active Alaskan pitcher

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	BOS	BOS	
BOS	8	9	10	TB	TB	13
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
CWS	KC	KC	TEX	TEX	TEX	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
TEX	SEA	SEA	SEA	NY	NY	
29	30					
NY	KC					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		KC	KC	CWS	CWS	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CWS	SEA	SEA	SEA	OAK	OAK	OAK
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
OAK	CWS	CWS	MIN	MIN	PIT	PIT
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
PIT		CLE	CLE	MIN	MIN	
27	28	29	30	31		
MIN	BOS	BOS	BOS	BOS		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					NY	NY
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NY	CLE	CLE	CLE	CIN	CIN	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
CIN	CHC	CHC	CHC	COL	COL	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
COL	STL	STL	STL	PIT	PIT	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
PIT	TEX	TEX	TEX	TB	TB	TB

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
TB	MIN	MIN	MIN	MIN	KC	KC
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
KC					BAL	BAL
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
BAL	LAA	LAA	LAA	LAA	CWS	CWS
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CWS		CLE	CLE	TOR	TOR	
29	30	31				
TOR	BOS	BOS				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			BOS	CLE	CLE	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CLE	NY	NY	NY	TEX	TEX	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TEX	MIN	MIN	MIN	BAL	BAL	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
BAL	TOR	TOR	TOR	LAA	LAA	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
LAA		KC	KC	CWS		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						CWS
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
CWS	CLE	CLE	CLE	LAA	LAA	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
LAA	CWS	CWS	CWS	CLE	CLE	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CLE	OAK	OAK	OAK	MIN	MIN	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
MIN		KC	KC	KC	MIN	MIN
30	1	2	3			
MIN	KC	KC	KC			



yond the star-filled heart of the order. They brought back veteran Gerald Laird to serve as his backup, but this is the year Avila must prove that his 2011 breakthrough was no fluke.

DH/BENCH Losing Martinez is a big blow to the Tigers' offense. He hit a sparkling .330 with 103 RBIs last year even though he only hit 12 home runs. Utilityman Ryan Raburn could see some time as the DH — or in the outfield with Young serving as the DH — but the Tigers will likely sign a veteran to replace Martinez at some point. Laird was with the Tigers in 2009 and 2010, as Avila was beginning to emerge as the starter, so he knows most of the team's pitchers. Perhaps manager Jim Leyland, in the interest of giving Avila more regular rest, will trust Laird more than he did Omar Santos. Kelly's versatility (he saw action at seven positions in 2011, including pitcher and catcher) makes him a tremendous asset off the bench. Andy Dirks is likely to return

in a reserve outfielder role, and Raburn, when he isn't the DH or playing second base, will fill in at the corner outfield spots.

MANAGEMENT Both general manager Dave Dombrowski and Leyland entered 2011 as lame ducks, but emerged with contract extensions in mid-August — Dombrowski through 2015, and Leyland (by his own choice) through 2012. Dombrowski wound up sharing the Executive of the Year award with Milwaukee's Doug Melvin, and indeed the GM had a tremendous year — beginning with his choosing Martinez over Adam Dunn as the Tigers' DH, and continuing with his summer acquisitions of Fister and Young. Leyland, meanwhile, was runner-up to Tampa Bay's Joe Maddon for AL Manager of the Year, and the Tigers' 2011 playoff run reaffirmed his status as one of the best in the game.

FINAL ANALYSIS Sure, the Tigers could have done more to shore up some weaknesses with an eye towards October. But the fact is, their clear superiority in the Central is such that they didn't need major renovations. With the White Sox rebuilding, the Twins reloading and the Indians trying to sustain the progress they made in 2011, the up-and-coming Royals may be Detroit's chief challenger in 2012. But judging by their offseason, the Tigers don't appear overly worried.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

DETROIT TIGERS

REVOLVING DOOR The Tigers have had a different Opening Day left fielder in five straight seasons (Craig Monroe in 2007, Jacque Jones in 2008, Josh Anderson in 2009, Johnny Damon in 2010 and Ryan Raburn in 2011), and could extend that to six straight in 2012, if Delmon Young, as expected, gets the start on Opening Day.

MOST VALUABLE PITCHERS Although pitcher Justin Verlander won the MVP in 2011, no Tigers position player has won the award since Hank Greenberg in 1940. The last five Tigers MVPs have all been pitchers (Hal Newhouser in 1944 and 1945, Denny McLain in 1968, Willie Hernandez in 1984, and Verlander). But in 2011, three Tigers position players received MVP votes — Miguel Cabrera (fifth in balloting), Alex Avila (12th) and Victor Martinez (16th).

AGAINST THE GRAIN With his high strikeout rate and his low on-base percentage in 2011, Austin Jackson is far from a typical leadoff man. But he

will likely fill that role again for the Tigers in 2012, by default, since no one else in their projected 2012 starting lineup has the skills to do the job. Jackson is still a good basestealer, having succeeded on 49 of his 60 career attempts his first two seasons.

NO-NO TIMES THREE Verlander already has two career no-hitters and several notable near-misses. Should he throw at least one more, he would join a highly exclusive club: Only five pitchers in history have thrown at least three no-hitters — Nolan Ryan, Cy Young, Bob Feller, Sandy Koufax and Larry Corcoran — and all but Corcoran, who pitched in the 1880s, is in the Hall of Fame.

WORST TO FIRST Cabrera's 2011 began with a DUI arrest in February and ended with an AL batting title — only the franchise's second in the past 50 years (Magglio Ordonez, 2007). Cabrera's batting title was fueled by a scorching finish, in which he batted .514 (18-for-32) over the season's final nine games to raise his average from .331 to .344.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK JAMES McCANN

After losing their first-round pick to Boston as compensation for the Victor Martinez signing, the Tigers had to wait until the second round, and the 76th overall pick, to make a selection. And rather than spend first-round money on a highly rated prospect who slipped due to signability questions, the Tigers went the conservative route by taking McCann, a catcher from the University of Arkansas, and signing him for a slightly above-slot figure of \$578,000. McCann, a 6'2", 210-pounder, is seen as an excellent defensive player whose bat will determine whether he projects as an everyday player or a backup in the majors. He signed in time to play 14 minor league games in 2011 (split between rookie league and Low-A), but he'll turn 22 this June, so the Tigers may look to push him in 2012.



2010 TOP PICK

Nick Castellanos, 3B, Archbishop McCarthy (Fla.) HS Solid rookie season with Low-A West Michigan has him on fast track to majors.

2009 TOP PICK

Jacob Turner, RHP, Westminster Christian (Mo.) Academy Strong 2011 season earned September call-up to majors, with chance to make team in '12.

2008 TOP PICK

Ryan Perry, RHP, Arizona Never turned into lock-down bullpen arm; traded to Nationals in offseason.

2007 TOP PICK

Rick Porcello, RHP, Seton Hall (N.J.) Prep Made it to majors as 20-year-old in 2009, but has yet to match promise he showed as rookie.

2006 TOP PICK

Andrew Miller, LHP, North Carolina Former sixth overall pick now a flameout struggling to hold down big league job.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

LHP Drew Smyly (22) Dominated at both High-A and Double-A in first pro season; should see big leagues at some point in 2012.
LHP Casey Crosby (23) Flamethrower is finally healthy and pointed towards majors at some point in 2012.

OF Danry Vasquez (18) Toolsy Venezuelan got \$1.2 million bonus in 2012; could begin at Low-A in 2012.

RHP Brenny Paulino (19) Advanced to High-A in 2011 as 18-year-old; has arguably best fast-ball in Tigers' system.

C Rob Brantly (22) Followed up solid 2011 with strong showing at Arizona Fall League; may see majors by '13.

TIGERS ROSTER

General Manager: David Dombrowski **Manager:** Jim Leyland **Coaches:** Rafael Belliard, Tom Brookens (first base), Jeff Jones (pitching), Gene Lamont (third base), Lloyd McClendon (batting), Mike Rojas (bullpen)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
62	Al Alburquerque	R-R	6-0	195	6/10/86	DETROIT	6-1	1.87	41	0	0	43.1	21	29	67	
						Toledo (AAA)	0-0	1.93	4	0	0	4.2	5	2	10	
31	Collin Balester	R-R	6-5	200	6/6/86	WASHINGTON	1-4	4.54	23	0	0	35.2	38	14	34	
						Syracuse (AAA)	2-1	4.35	28	0	1	39.1	47	15	46	
64	Duane Below	L-L	6-3	218	11/15/85	DETROIT	0-2	4.34	14	2	0	29.0	28	11	14	
						Toledo (AAA)	9-4	3.13	18	18	0	115.0	99	37	83	
53	Joaquin Benoit	R-R	6-3	220	7/26/77	DETROIT	4-3	2.95	66	0	2	61.0	47	17	63	
40	Phil Coke	L-L	6-1	210	7/19/82	DETROIT	3-9	4.47	48	14	1	108.2	118	40	69	
						Toledo (AAA)	0-0	5.06	1	1	0	5.1	8	2	6	
45	Casey Crosby	R-L	6-5	218	9/17/88	Erie (AA)	9-7	4.10	25	25	0	131.2	122	77	121	
28	Octavio Dotel	R-R	6-6	230	11/25/73	TORONTO	2-1	3.68	36	0	1	29.1	20	12	30	
						ST. LOUIS	3-3	3.28	29	0	2	24.2	16	5	32	
58	Doug Fister	L-R	6-8	200	2/4/84	DETROIT	8-1	1.79	11	10	0	70.1	54	5	57	
						SEATTLE	3-12	3.33	21	21	0	146.0	139	32	89	
44	Matt Hoffman	L-L	6-2	195	11/8/88	Toledo (AAA)	2-5	3.18	49	0	3	62.1	60	23	46	
						Erie (AA)	0-0	54.00	1	0	0	0.1	0	2	0	
49	Luis Marte	R-R	5-11	199	8/26/86	DETROIT	1-0	2.45	4	0	0	3.2	6	1	3	
						Toledo (AAA)	1-0	5.40	2	0	0	3.1	3	4	2	
						Erie (AA)	3-0	1.70	23	1	3	53.0	29	18	68	
43	Andy Oliver	L-L	6-3	210	12/3/87	DETROIT	0-1	6.52	2	2	0	9.2	11	8	5	
						Toledo (AAA)	8-12	4.71	26	26	0	147.0	149	80	143	
56	Jose Ortega	R-R	5-11	187	10/12/88	Toledo (AAA)	1-3	6.30	33	0	0	50.0	61	27	44	
34	David Pauley	R-R	5-2	210	6/17/83	DETROIT	0-2	5.95	14	0	0	19.2	26	6	10	
						SEATTLE	5-4	2.15	39	0	0	54.1	38	16	34	
48	Rick Porcello	R-R	6-5	200	12/27/88	DETROIT	14-9	4.75	31	31	0	182.0	210	46	104	
37	Max Scherzer	R-R	6-3	220	7/27/84	DETROIT	15-9	4.43	33	33	0	195.0	207	56	174	
55	Daniel Schlereth	L-L	6-0	198	5/9/86	DETROIT	2-2	3.49	49	0	0	49.0	36	31	44	
						Toledo (AAA)	1-0	0.77	8	0	0	11.2	6	5	18	
	Drew Smyly	L-L	6-3	190	6/13/89	Erie (AA)	4-3	1.18	8	7	0	45.2	32	15	53	
						Lakeland (A)	7-3	2.58	14	14	0	80.1	71	21	77	
38	Tyler Stohr	L-R	6-2	210	9/19/86	Erie (AA)	0-2	4.21	20	0	3	25.2	22	17	27	
						Lakeland (A)	1-0	3.45	24	0	0	31.1	24	8	23	
50	Jacob Turner	R-R	6-5	210	5/21/91	DETROIT	0-1	8.53	3	3	0	12.2	17	4	8	
						Toledo (AAA)	1-0	3.12	3	3	0	17.1	15	3	20	
						Erie (AA)	3-5	3.48	17	17	0	113.2	102	32	90	
46	Jose Valverde	R-R	6-4	254	3/24/78	DETROIT	2-4	2.24	75	0	49	72.1	52	34	69	
35	Justin Verlander	R-R	6-5	225	2/20/83	DETROIT	24-5	2.40	34	34	0	251.0	174	57	250	
60	Brayan Villarreal	R-R	6-0	170	5/10/87	DETROIT	1-1	6.75	16	0	0	16.0	21	10	14	
						Toledo (AAA)	3-5	5.05	17	10	0	66.0	65	29	40	
57	Adam Wilk	L-L	6-2	181	12/9/87	DETROIT	0-0	5.40	5	0	0	13.1	14	3	10	
						Toledo (AAA)	8-6	3.24	18	18	0	102.2	105	14	76	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
13	Alex Avila	L-R	5-11	210	1/29/87	DETROIT	.295	141	464	63	137	19	82	73	131	3
9	Gerald Laird	R-R	6-1	225	11/13/79	ST. LOUIS	.232	37	95	11	22	1	12	9	19	1
						Memphis (AAA)	.429	2	7	2	3	0	1	2	1	0
41	Victor Martinez	S-R	6-2	210	12/23/78	DETROIT	.330	145	540	76	178	12	103	46	51	1
						Toledo (AAA)	.500	2	6	1	3	0	2	1	1	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
24	Miguel Cabrera	R-R	6-4	240	4/18/83	DETROIT	.344	161	572	111	197	30	105	108	89	2
15	Brandon Inge	R-R	5-11	188	5/19/77	DETROIT	.197	102	269	28	53	3	23	24	74	1
						Toledo (AAA)	.287	29	108	18	31	7	19	17	30	0
32	Don Kelly	L-R	6-4	190	2/15/80	DETROIT	.245	113	257	35	63	7	28	14	32	2
27	Jhonny Peralta	R-R	6-2	215	5/28/82	DETROIT	.299	146	525	68	157	21	86	40	95	0
52	Hernan Perez	R-R	6-0	180	3/26/91	West Michigan (A)	.258	129	503	69	130	8	42	38	87	23
25	Ryan Raburn	R-R	6-0	185	4/17/81	DETROIT	.256	121	387	53	99	14	49	21	114	1
39	Ramon Santiago	S-R	5-11	175	8/31/79	DETROIT	.260	101	258	29	67	5	30	17	38	0
29	Danny Worth	R-R	6-1	185	9/30/85	DETROIT	.270	30	37	6	10	0	3	2	9	0
						Toledo (AAA)	.256	86	309	45	79	8	37	36	86	13
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
26	Brennan Boesch	L-L	6-4	235	4/12/85	DETROIT	.283	115	428	75	121	16	54	35	83	5
12	Andy Dirks	L-L	6-0	195	1/24/86	DETROIT	.251	78	219	34	55	7	28	11	36	5
						Toledo (AAA)	.325	41	157	30	51	7	24	12	28	12
33	Avisail Garcia	R-R	6-4	232	6/12/91	Lakeland (A)	.264	129	488	53	129	11	56	18	132	14
14	Austin Jackson	R-R	6-1	185	2/1/87	DETROIT	.249	153	591	90	147	10	45	56	181	22
36	Clete Thomas	L-R	5-11	195	11/14/83	Toledo (AAA)	.251	113	367	37	92	12	53	32	130	20
21	Delmon Young	R-R	6-3	240	9/14/85	DETROIT	.274	40	168	28	46	8	32	5	30	0
						MINNESOTA	.266	84	305	26	81	4	32	18	55	1
						Rochester (AAA)	.290	9	31	5	9	2	5	1	5	0



KANSAS CITY ROYALS

**2012
PREDICTION**

3RD

AL CENTRAL

**2011
RECORD
71-91**

HOME: 40-41 ROAD: 31-50

TEAM STADIUM

Kauffman Stadium

TICKETS CAPACITY

816-504-4040 40,793

TEAM WEBSITE

kansascity.royals.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 69 5th

2008 75 4th

2009 65 T-4th

2010 67 5th

2011 71 4th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 1B Eric Hosmer

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ CL Joakim Soria



BUY LOW ♦ SP Aaron Crow

SELL HIGH ♦ 2B Chris Getz

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ RP Jonathan Broxton

IPO ♦ OF Lorenzo Cain

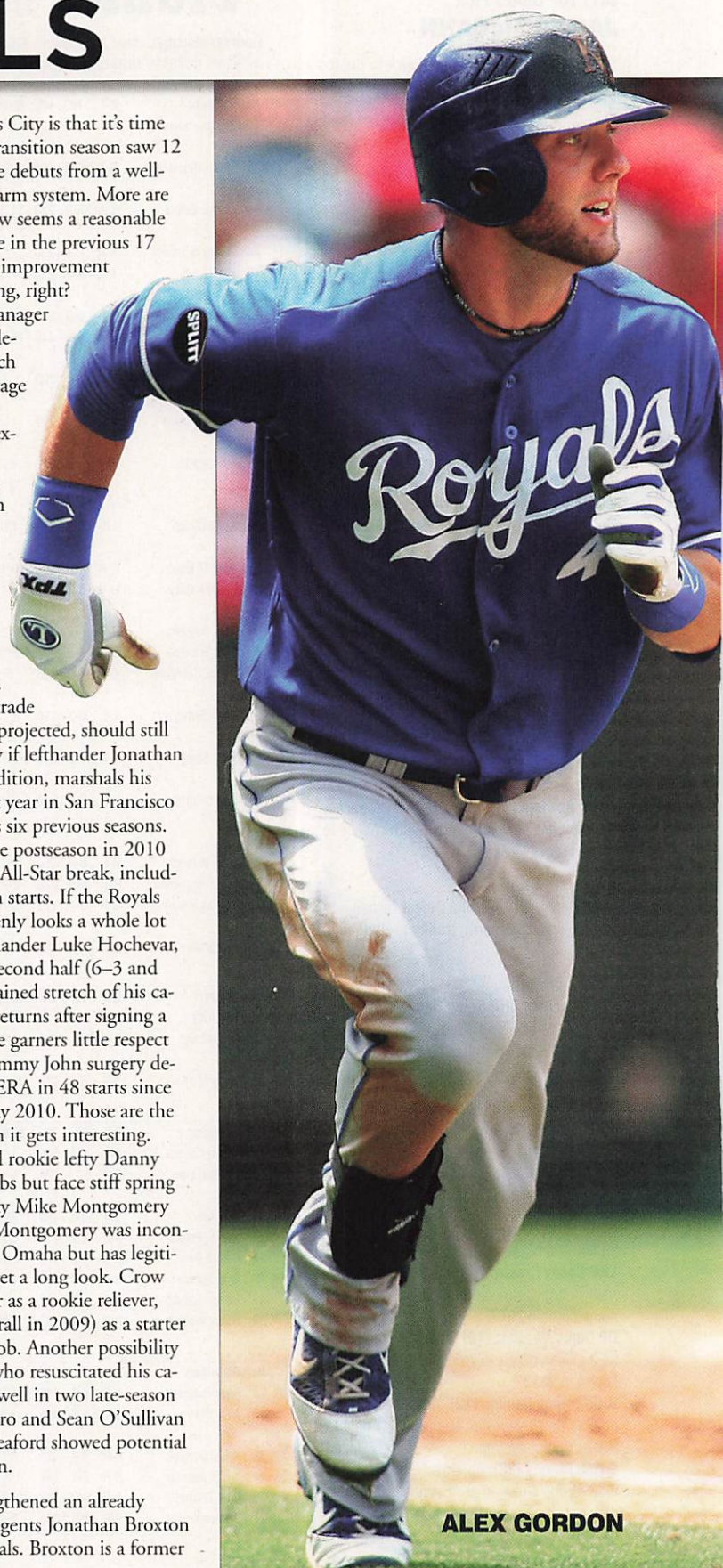
FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Mike Montgomery

INSIDER TIP ♦ Ignore Royals starting pitchers until the end game, when Luke Hochevar and Crow will reward a small investment.

The growing feeling in Kansas City is that it's time to expect more. Last year's transition season saw 12 players make their big league debuts from a well-stocked and much-praised farm system. More are on the way. Playing .500 now seems a reasonable goal after reaching that plateau just once in the previous 17 years. Doing so would mark a 10-game improvement over last year's 91 losses — no small thing, right? — but the Royals are aiming higher. Manager Ned Yost set the tone in December by declaring, "I think we're going to play much better than .500. ... I think we're at a stage in our development as an organization that these kids are ready for (increased expectations)." Maybe so. These young Royals showed numerous positive signs a year ago and now appear good enough to dream. They just might, with a little luck, be good enough to make some serious noise in the American League Central Division.

ROTATION Nearly all hopes for a breakthrough summer hinge on a rotation that lacks a proven No. 1- or No. 2-caliber starter. While an early spring trade remains possible, the unit, as currently projected, should still be better than a year ago — particularly if lefthander Jonathan Sanchez, the club's biggest offseason addition, marshals his high-grade gifts. He battled injuries last year in San Francisco and has been an enigma throughout his six previous seasons. But Sanchez helped the Giants reach the postseason in 2010 by posting a 2.61 ERA after the All-Star break, including a 1.04 mark in his last seven starts. If the Royals get that guy, this rotation suddenly looks a whole lot saltier. The same goes for righthander Luke Hochevar, who hopes to build on a solid second half (6-3 and 3.52) that marked the best sustained stretch of his career. Veteran lefty Bruce Chen returns after signing a two-year deal as a free agent. He garners little respect for reinventing himself after Tommy John surgery despite going 23-15 with a 4.00 ERA in 48 starts since entering the rotation in late May 2010. Those are the rotation's three certainties. Then it gets interesting. Righthander Felipe Paulino and rookie lefty Danny Duffy closed last season with jobs but face stiff spring competition. Two to watch: lefty Mike Montgomery and righthander Aaron Crow. Montgomery was inconsistent last season at Class AAA Omaha but has legitimate No. 1 potential and will get a long look. Crow made the All-Star team last year as a rookie reliever, but he was drafted (No. 12 overall in 2009) as a starter and will get a chance to win a job. Another possibility is righthander Luis Mendoza, who resuscitated his career at Omaha before pitching well in two late-season starts. Righthanders Vin Mazzaro and Sean O'Sullivan are still around. Lefty Everett Teaford showed potential last season as a rookie swingman.

BULLPEN The Royals strengthened an already strong bullpen by signing free agents Jonathan Broxton and Jose Mijares to one-year deals. Broxton is a former



ALEX GORDON

DIFFERENCE MAKER JONATHAN SANCHEZ

The Royals could surprise if they get more mileage than expected from their rotation. That puts Sanchez in the spotlight. Few dispute he possesses plus stuff; they merely dispute his ability to command it. Sanchez is averaging 4.8 walks per nine innings through his career but just 7.7 hits — and only 6.8 hits per nine innings over the last two seasons. He also has 736 strikeouts in 708 career innings. He's only 29. Some power guys blossom late. If Sanchez makes such a leap, he could be a significant difference maker.

closer and a two-time All-Star but will serve as a setup man for Joakim Soria. Mijares fills the need for a situational lefty. Broxton and Greg Holland also provide the Royals with alternative closers if Soria can't rebound from an inconsistent 2011. Sidermer Louis Coleman seems certain to hold a job; the same goes for Crow, if he fails to win a spot in the rotation. Adding Mijares means durable lefty Tim Collins must show better command to keep his spot. Paulino will switch to the bullpen if he fails to make the rotation. The same is likely true for Mendoza, who is out of options. Teaford and Mazzaro could also make the club as long relievers but could easily get squeezed out. The crowded competition makes it even harder to find room for Blake Wood, Kelvin Herrera and Jeremy Jeffress. All five have options.

MIDDLE INFIELD Defensively, shortstop Alcides Escobar was everything the Royals envisioned after he arrived in December 2010 from Milwaukee in the Zack Greinke deal. Escobar proved to be a durable, acrobatic playmaker and perked up at the plate after a dreadful first two months. He ended the season with a .254 average after hitting .324 in the final month of the season. Second base, meanwhile, looms as the only real spring battle among position players. It's Johnny Giavotella's job to lose, but he needs to show sufficient offensive production to offset severe defensive limitations and mediocre speed. Giavotella, the Royals' second-round pick in 2008, hit .247 in 46 games as a rookie in 2011. The alternative is Chris Getz, who offers no pop (nine extra-base hits in 380 at-bats) but steady defense and plus speed. Since both have options, the loser probably heads to Omaha.

CORNERS It is on the corners, more than anywhere else, where the future is on display. First baseman Eric Hosmer, the third overall pick in 2008, arrived May 6 and often resembled an MVP in waiting. Third baseman Mike Moustakas, the second overall pick in 2007, got the call June 10 and, after a miserable start, showed every indication of becoming a productive middle-of-the-order hitter for years to come. Fans in Kansas City are already fretting at how long either will hang around. Since neither will be eligible for free agency until after the 2017 season, that effectively sets the timetable for the Royals' current window of opportunity.

OUTFIELD Alex Gordon's emergence last season as a reliable run-producer and Gold Glove left fielder was a measurable reward for the organization's patience. He was a can't-miss prospect as the No. 2 overall pick in 2005 who, prior to last season, came to be widely viewed as a bust. Even Gordon admits that the question now is whether he can validate his turnaround with another big season. Right fielder Jeff Francoeur similarly revitalized his career after arriving as a free agent and earned a two-year contract extension. Melky Cabrera was another free agent reclamation project who had the best year of his

STATISTICIAN

- 297 Royals batting average over their final 46 games, which coincided with the arrival of catcher Sal Perez from the minors.
- 4 Royals who had at least 40 doubles in 2011 (Jeff Francoeur, Alex Gordon, Melky Cabrera and Billy Butler). The Royals were only the fourth club in MLB history to have four players hit 40 or more doubles.
- 4 Royals who had at least 80 RBIs (Butler, Cabrera, Francoeur and Gordon). It was the fourth time in franchise history that four players had 80 or more RBIs, but the first time since 2002.
- 7 Blown saves last season by Joakim Soria, who had just three blown saves in each of the three previous years.
- 20 The club-record and major league-leading number of outfield assists by Alex Gordon, who didn't become a full-time outfielder until midway through 2010.

ROYALS

BATTING ORDER

LF Alex Gordon (L)	Not a prototypical leadoff hitter, but his club-leading .376 on-base percentage makes him the best fit.
2B Johnny Giavotella (R)	His minor league numbers suggest he could be Dustin Pedroia-light; the Royals would take that in a heartbeat.
DH Billy Butler (R)	One of the game's best pure hitters; doesn't hit enough homers, but has 140 doubles over the last three years.
1B Eric Hosmer (L)	He was good last year as a rookie, and there is no reason to suspect he won't continue to get better.
RF Jeff Francoeur (R)	The club's de facto captain; will be interesting to see if he regresses after a career-renaissance year.
3B Mike Moustakas (L)	Didn't cut it during extended slump — and then produced big closing kick.
CF Lorenzo Cain (R)	Will show what he can do with an everyday opportunity; should be a defensive upgrade in center.
C Sal Perez (R)	His defense and game-calling skills always drew raves; if he can hit like he did last season...wow.
SS Alcides Escobar (R)	His slick play solidified the infield after years of suspect predecessors.

BENCH

C Brayan Pena (S)	Upbeat attitude makes him a good bench fit; figures to make no more than 30 starts if Perez stays healthy.
INF Yuniesky Betancourt (R)	Former starting shortstop returns as utility player after failing to draw interest in free agent market as starter.
OF Mitch Maier (L)	Should draw increased playing time this season as an occasional left-handed alternative to Cain in center.

ROTATION

RH Luke Hochevar	Showed signs in second half of harnessing tools that made him the first overall pick in the 2006 draft.
LH Jonathan Sanchez	Maybe a change of scenery will finally unlock the power lefty's tremendous potential.
LH Bruce Chen	A veteran finesse lefty who appears to have figured it out; could be this generation's Jamie Moyer.
RH Felipe Paulino	Shows tantalizing arsenal but needs to deliver; will shift to bullpen if he fails to hold spot in rotation.
LH Danny Duffy	Flashed potential last year in nearly all of his 20 starts but still posted a 5.64 ERA. Needs strong spring.

BULLPEN

RH Joakim Soria (Closer)	Struggled last season for the first time in his career but still posted a 2.58 ERA over his final 37 appearances.
RH Jonathan Broxton	Seeking a bounce-back year after an elbow injury limited him last year to just 14 games for the Dodgers.
RH Greg Holland	Blossomed last season into a potential closer by posting a 1.80 ERA while striking out 74 in 60 innings.
LH Jose Mijares	A good fit as a situational guy; has limited lefties to .212 career average.
RH Louis Coleman	Another young reliever with closer potential; sidearm delivery makes him tough against righthanders.
RH Aaron Crow	Will get a look as starter but appears likely to return to bullpen, where he made the All-Star team as a rookie.
LH Tim Collins	Has plus stuff and a durable arm but will be in the minors if walk rate fails to improve.
RH Luis Mendoza	Could win a job in the rotation but, failing that, seems a likely fit in the bullpen as a long reliever.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Fierce competition looms at the back of the rotation and the bullpen. Luke Hochevar, Jonathan Sanchez and Bruce Chen are locks to start. Felipe Paulino will make the staff somewhere. Joakim Soria, Jonathan Broxton, Greg Holland and Jose Mijares are bullpen locks, and Louis Coleman is a near-lock. That leaves four openings on a 13-man staff. Mike Montgomery will get a long rotation look along with Paulino; Danny Duffy, Luis Mendoza, Aaron Crow, and Everett Teaford. Crow will win a pen job if he doesn't make the rotation. Reliever Tim Collins is safe if he throws strikes.

STATLINE



INHERITED RUNNERS SCORED %, 2011

1. Greg Holland, Royals 6.1
2. Al Alburquerque, Tigers 6.7
3. George Sherrill, Dodgers 10.8
4. Anthony Bastardo, Phillies 12.5
5. Luis Coleman, Royals 12.8

(min. 30 inherited runners)

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

SCHEDULE

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	LAA	LAA
8	9	10	11	12	CLE	CLE
15	16	17	18	19	TOR	TOR
22	23	24	25	26	MIN	MIN
29	30					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY

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29	30	31				

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



career, and the Royals responded by selling high and sending him to the Giants for Sanchez. Cabrera's departure creates an opening in center for Lorenzo Cain, who offers a defensive upgrade. Cain batted .312 last season at Omaha but will be hard-pressed to match the offense that Cabrera provided.

CATCHING Sal Perez, with only 39 games of big league experience, might already be the roster's most irreplaceable player. His advanced defensive skills got him to the majors last August at age 21, but his rapid growth as a hitter has been little short of phenomenal. He simply gets better at each step up the ladder. Will he bat .331 for a full season? Probably not, but he's already shown he's not just a catch-and-throw guy.

DH/BENCH Billy Butler grumbled a bit last year at making the switch from first base to designated hitter in order to accommodate Hosmer. (It was, of course, a move that had to be made given Hosmer's defensive superiority.) Nevertheless, Butler still finished with a career-high and club-leading 95 RBIs.

He also provides a potent right-handed bat in a lefty-heavy lineup. Yost appears likely to again operate, as he did much of last year, with a three-man bench (in order to carry an eight-man bullpen). That means a backup catcher (probably Brayan Pena), a backup outfielder (almost certainly Mitch Maier) and a utility infielder (a reacquired Yuniesky Betancourt). If the Royals keep four non-pitching reserves, the final spot should go to outfielder Jarrod Dyson, a pinch-running dynamo.

MANAGEMENT Last year produced good marks. General manager Dayton Moore and his staff deserve credit for putting together a farm system that shows signs of extracting the franchise from its extended malaise. Yost displayed the same patience in dealing with young players that he used several years ago in helping turn around the once-moribund Brewers. Now it's time to win.

FINAL ANALYSIS Everything suggests that the Royals are heading in the right direction, but expectations are ramping up. Anything less than .500 this season will be a disappointment, and another 90-loss season could force major reevaluations. But if a few things go right — i.e., if the rotation proves steady — it could be a fun summer in the Heartland for the first time in ages.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

ALL-STAR SUMMER The All-Star Game returns this year to Kauffman Stadium for the first time since the facility's inaugural season of 1973. Commissioner Bud Selig promised the game back in 2006 as a carrot for Jackson County, Mo., voters to approve a \$250 million bond for stadium renovations.

MECHE'S GIFT Righthander Gil Meche (remember him?) provided additional payroll flexibility last year by walking away from a guaranteed \$12.4 million. He retired Jan. 18, 2011, rather than battle through shoulder and back injuries in the final season of his five-year, \$55 million contract. Meche rejected a negotiated settlement by saying, "Honestly, I didn't feel like I deserved it."

FEELING A DRAFT The Royals shelled out a franchise-record \$14.1 million last year in bonuses to draft picks. That included a franchise-record \$7.5 million to outfielder Bubba Starling, a multi-sport star chosen with the fifth overall pick. Those franchise records figure to stand for a while, because

new draft rules under the sport's labor agreement institute severe financial penalties for exceeding set spending limits.

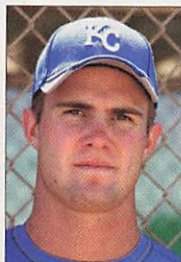
MORE ALBERT The Royals open the season with a three-game series in Anaheim, Calif., which makes them the first opponent to get an official look at Albert Pujols in an Angels uniform. Pujols went to high school and junior college in the Kansas City area prior to his selection by St. Louis in the 13th round of the 1999 draft, and the Royals have paid repeatedly for overlooking a future Hall of Famer in their own backyard. Pujols has a .379 average and .475 on-base percentage in 51 career games against the Royals with 16 homers and 53 RBIs.

ATTENDANCE SPIKE Need proof the city wants to embrace its young roster? Last season, when four rookies often started in the closing weeks, the Royals averaged 26,532 for their 11 September home dates — or 29.6 percent more than the 20,465 they averaged for 70 dates through August.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK BUBBA STARLING

Starling, 19, grew up in the Kansas City suburbs but waited until literally seconds before the Aug. 15 signing deadline before choosing a club-record \$7.5 million bonus over a scholarship to play quarterback at Nebraska. An outfielder, Starling was viewed, overwhelmingly, as the draft's best athlete and highest-ceiling position player, but his skills are still evolving. Even so, Starling combines speed, size and power in enviable proportions while carrying 205 pounds on a 6'5" frame. He drew raves in the Instructional League before a strained left quadriceps prompted club officials to put him under wraps. He's on a fast-track program, but the Royals will likely wait until late March before deciding whether to keep him in extended spring training or ship him out to Class A Kane County.



2010 TOP PICK

Christian Colon, SS, Cal State Fullerton Batted just .257 last year at Class AA Northwest Arkansas and seems likely to switch this season to second base.

2009 TOP PICK

Aaron Crow, RHP, Missouri Made the All-Star team as a rookie last season after shifting to the bullpen; will get a long look this spring as a starter in 2012.

2008 TOP PICK

Eric Hosmer, 1B, American Heritage (Fla.) School Forced a sooner-than-expected promotion by batting .439 through 26 games at Class AAA Omaha; came to the big leagues and proved he belonged.

2007 TOP PICK

Mike Moustakas, SS, Chatsworth (Calif.) HS Firmly established as club's third baseman after overcoming a slow start by batting .379 over his last 36 games.

2006 TOP PICK

Luke Hochevar, RHP, Tennessee Effectiveness soared last season in second half after he took a more aggressive approach by pitching inside.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

OF Wil Myers (21) Minor injuries led to an inconsistent season at Class AA Northwest Arkansas, but ex-catcher still draws high marks for potential as a run-production bat.

LHP Mike Montgomery (22) Can he throw strikes? If so, he could be a legit No. 1 guy because no pitching prospect in the system has a higher ceiling.

3B Cheslor Cuthbert (19) Just 19 but already regarded as one of the organization's rising stars because of his potent bat.

RHP Jake Odorizzi (22) Many scouts believe he rates as the best bet, among the organization's pitching prospects, to make a long-term impact.

RHP Kelvin Herrera (22) Club's Minor League Pitcher of the Year shook off two seasons of arm ailments by zooming through four levels and reaching the majors.

ROYALS ROSTER

General Manager: Dayton Moore **Manager:** Ned Yost **Coaches:** Chino Cadahia (bench), Dave Eiland (pitching), Steve Foster (bullpen), Eddie Rodriguez (third base), Kevin Seitzer (batting), Doug Sisson (first base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
47	Nate Adcock	R-R	6-4	225	2/25/88	KANSAS CITY	1-1	4.62	24	3	1	60.1	63	26	36	
45	Noel Argüelles	L-L	6-3	223	1/12/90	Wilmington (A)	4-5	3.20	21	21	0	104.0	93	24	64	
51	Jonathan Broxton	R-R	6-4	300	6/16/84	LOS ANGELES NL	1-2	5.68	14	0	7	12.2	15	9	10	
52	Bruce Chen	L-L	6-2	211	6/19/77	Albuquerque (AAA)	0-0	4.50	2	2	0	2.0	2	1	5	
						KANSAS CITY	12-8	3.77	25	25	0	155.0	152	50	97	
						Omaha (AAA)	0-0	6.00	2	2	0	9.0	11	1	8	
						NW Arkansas (AA)	0-1	18.00	1	1	0	2.0	5	0	2	
31	Louis Coleman	S-R	6-4	207	4/4/86	KANSAS CITY	1-4	2.87	48	0	1	59.2	44	26	64	
						Omaha (AAA)	0-1	3.86	6	0	2	7.0	4	4	16	
						KANSAS CITY	4-4	3.63	0	0	0	67.0	52	48	60	
55	Tim Collins	L-L	5-7	163	8/21/89	KANSAS CITY	4-4	3.63	0	0	0	67.0	52	48	60	
43	Aaron Crow	R-R	6-3	188	11/10/86	KANSAS CITY	4-4	2.76	0	0	0	62.0	55	31	65	
23	Danny Duffy	L-L	6-3	200	12/21/88	KANSAS CITY	4-8	5.64	20	20	0	105.1	119	51	87	
40	Kelvin Herrera	R-R	5-10	188	12/31/89	Omaha (AAA)	3-1	3.43	8	8	0	42.0	37	10	48	
						KANSAS CITY	0-1	13.50	2	0	0	2.0	2	0	0	
						Omaha (AAA)	1-0	2.12	14	0	6	17.0	12	7	18	
						NW Arkansas (AA)	4-0	1.75	23	0	7	36.0	22	6	40	
						Wilmington (A)	2-1	0.61	8	0	1	14.2	8	2	12	
						KANSAS CITY	11-11	4.68	31	31	0	198.0	192	62	128	
						Omaha (AAA)	2-0	2.08	13	0	2	21.2	13	11	27	
56	Greg Holland	R-R	5-10	196	11/20/85	KANSAS CITY	5-1	1.80	46	0	4	60.0	37	19	74	
41	Jeremy Jeffress	R-R	6-0	196	9/21/87	KANSAS CITY	1-1	4.70	14	0	1	15.1	12	11	13	
						Omaha (AAA)	2-3	7.13	16	3	3	24.0	27	18	24	
						NW Arkansas (AA)	1-3	4.26	9	8	0	31.2	32	22	20	
						KANSAS CITY	1-1	8.26	7	4	0	28.1	39	15	10	
32	Vin Mazzaro	R-R	6-2	222	9/27/86	KANSAS CITY	1-1	8.26	7	4	0	28.1	39	15	10	
						Omaha (AAA)	7-2	4.29	22	22	0	123.2	140	60	107	
						KANSAS CITY	2-0	1.23	2	2	0	14.2	11	5	7	
39	Luis Mendoza	R-R	6-3	241	10/31/83	KANSAS CITY	2-0	1.23	2	2	0	14.2	11	5	7	
						Omaha (AAA)	12-5	2.18	33	18	2	144.1	126	54	81	
						MINNESOTA	0-2	4.59	58	0	0	49.0	53	30	30	
	Jose Mijares	L-L	6-0	230	10/29/84	Omaha (AAA)	5-11	5.32	28	27	0	150.2	157	69	129	
37	Sean O'Sullivan	R-R	6-1	242	9/1/87	KANSAS CITY	2-6	7.25	12	10	0	58.1	78	26	19	
						Omaha (AAA)	8-2	4.22	14	14	0	74.2	85	16	55	
						KANSAS CITY	4-6	4.11	21	20	0	124.2	123	48	119	
59	Felipe Paulino	R-R	6-2	270	10/5/83	COLORADO	0-4	7.36	18	0	0	14.2	23	7	14	
57	Jonathan Sanchez	L-L	6-0	200	11/19/82	SAN FRANCISCO	4-7	4.26	19	19	0	101.1	80	66	102	
						San Jose (A)	0-0	20.25	1	1	0	2.2	6	2	3	
						KANSAS CITY	5-5	4.03	60	0	28	60.1	60	17	60	
48	Joakim Soria	R-R	6-3	202	5/18/84	KANSAS CITY	2-1	3.27	26	3	1	44.0	36	14	28	
61	Everett Teaford	L-L	6-0	165	5/15/84	KANSAS CITY	3-2	3.34	16	3	0	35.0	23	11	33	
62	Ryan Verdugo	L-L	6-0	195	4/10/87	Richmond (AA)	8-6	4.35	25	25	0	130.1	115	63	133	
38	Blake Wood	R-R	6-5	230	8/8/85	KANSAS CITY	5-3	3.75	0	0	1	69.2	66	32	62	
						Omaha (AAA)	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	5.0	2	0	6	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
27	Brayan Pena	S-R	5-9	228	1/7/82	KANSAS CITY	.248	72	222	17	55	3	24	12	24	0
13	Salvador Perez	R-R	6-3	244	5/10/90	KANSAS CITY	.331	39	148	20	49	3	21	7	20	0
						Omaha (AAA)	.333	12	48	5	16	1	10	0	6	0
						NW Arkansas (AA)	.283	79	286	35	81	9	43	16	30	0
						KANSAS CITY	.214	4	14	2	3	0	0	1	2	0
						Omaha (AAA)	.238	68	210	34	50	5	25	34	37	0
28	Manny Pina	R-R	6-0	216	6/5/87	NW Arkansas (AA)	.250	3	8	0	2	0	3	2	3	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Yuniesky Betancourt	R-R	5-11	210	1/31/82	MILWAUKEE	.252	152	556	51	140	13	68	16	63	4
16	Billy Butler	R-R	6-1	240	4/18/86	KANSAS CITY	.291	159	597	74	174	19	95	66	95	2
2	Alcides Escobar	R-R	6-1	184	12/16/86	KANSAS CITY	.254	158	548	69	139	4	46	25	73	26
17	Chris Getz	L-R	5-11	181	8/30/83	KANSAS CITY	.255	118	380	50	97	0	26	30	45	21
9	Johnny Giavotella	R-R	5-8	185	7/10/87	KANSAS CITY	.247	46	178	20	44	2	21	6	32	5
						Omaha (AAA)	.338	110	453	67	153	9	72	40	57	9
						KANSAS CITY	.293	128	523	66	153	19	78	34	82	11
35	Eric Hosmer	L-L	6-4	229	10/24/89	Omaha (AAA)	.439	26	98	21	43	3	15	19	16	3
8	Mike Moustakas	L-R	6-0	213	9/11/88	KANSAS CITY	.263	89	338	26	89	5	30	22	51	2
						Omaha (AAA)	.287	55	223	38	64	10	44	19	44	1
						Omaha (AAA)	.326	134	503	86	164	23	100	58	88	2
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
6	Lorenzo Cain	R-R	6-2	192	4/13/86	KANSAS CITY	.273	6	22	4	6	0	1	1	4	0
						Omaha (AAA)	.312	128	487	84	152	16	81	40	102	16
						KANSAS CITY	.205	26	44	8	9	0	3	7	14	11
	Jarrod Dyson	L-R	5-9	161	8/15/84	Omaha (AAA)	.279	83	319	69	89	3	26	35	47	38
21	Jeff Francoeur	R-R	6-5	220	1/8/84	KANSAS CITY	.285	153	601	77	171	20	87	37	123	22
4	Alex Gordon	L-R	6-2	220	2/10/84	KANSAS CITY	.303	151	611	101	185	23	87	67	139	17
15	David Lough	L-L	5-11	178	1/20/86	Omaha (AAA)	.318	114	456	87	145	9	65	36	49	14
12	Mitch Maier	L-R	6-2	213	6/30/82	KANSAS CITY	.232	44	95	19	22	0	7	16	32	1
9	Derrick Robinson	S-L	5-11	179	9/28/87	NW Arkansas (AA)	.251	107	419	56	105	1	25	46	87	55



MINNESOTA TWINS

2012 PREDICTION

4TH

AL CENTRAL

2011 RECORD

63-99

HOME: 33-48 ROAD: 30-51

TEAM STADIUM

Target Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

612-375-1366 40,000

TEAM WEBSITE

minnesota.twins.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR WIN TREND

2007	79	3rd
2008	88	2nd
2009	87	1st
2010	94	1st
2011	63	5th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ C Joe Mauer

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Scott Baker



BUY LOW ◇ OF Denard Span

SELL HIGH ◇ OF Josh Willingham

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ 1B Justin Morneau

IPO ◇ OF Joe Benson

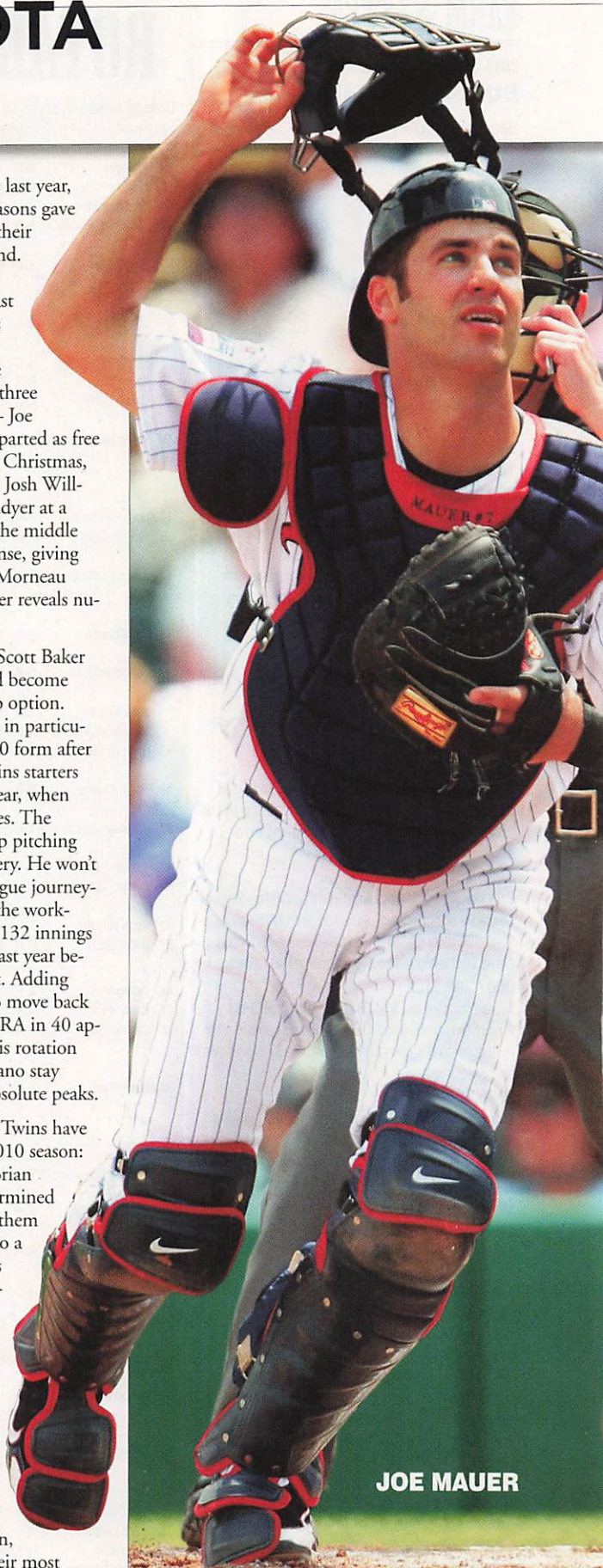
FUTURES MARKET ◇ 3B Miguel Sano

INSIDER TIP ◇ You'll never get Mauer or Morneau cheaper; they could easily be worth double what they go for in a typical auction.

It seemed like the end of an era for the Twins last year, when a string of six division titles in nine seasons gave way to a 63-99 finish. But they are firm in their belief that 2012 will bring a quick turnaround. That's hard to fathom. On paper, the Twins look no better than the team that bottomed out last year. Terry Ryan returned to the general manager's role in November, replacing Bill Smith, and attempted to address the roster's myriad needs while streamlining the payroll. The fan base watched as three more mainstays from their recent playoff teams — Joe Nathan, Michael Cuddyer and Jason Kubel — departed as free agents. Ryan added some interesting pieces before Christmas, but none that caused a spike in season ticket sales. Josh Willingham should offer a reasonable facsimile of Cuddyer at a cheaper price. Jamey Carroll should help solidify the middle infield. Ryan Doumit's bat should bolster the offense, giving the team more insurance if Joe Mauer and Justin Morneau struggle with injuries again. But a look at this roster reveals numerous other concerns.

ROTATION This group is led by Carl Pavano, Scott Baker and Francisco Liriano — three pitchers who could become free agents next fall, though Baker has a 2013 club option. This should add to that trio's motivation. Liriano, in particular, could cash in big next fall if he regains his 2010 form after struggling with left shoulder issues last season. Twins starters ranked 26th in the majors with a 4.64 ERA last year, when Baker and Nick Blackburn also battled arm injuries. The team's depth took a hit last summer when their top pitching prospect, Kyle Gibson, needed Tommy John surgery. He won't return until 2013. The Twins signed National League journeyman Jason Marquis, hoping he could be the workhorse he was from 2004-09. He pitched 132 innings combined for Washington and Arizona last year before breaking his right leg in mid-August. Adding Marquis should allow Brian Duensing to move back to the bullpen, where he posted a 1.80 ERA in 40 appearances in 2010. But it's hard to see this rotation impressing anyone unless Baker and Liriano stay healthy and pitch as they have at their absolute peaks.

BULLPEN Here's a list of relievers the Twins have lost to free agency since the end of the 2010 season: Jesse Crain, Matt Guerrier, Jon Rauch, Brian Fuentes and Nathan. The Twins are determined not to overpay for relief, even if it leaves them thin. They re-signed closer Matt Capps to a deal that guarantees him \$10 million less than what Nathan got from Texas in November. Capps was an All-Star closer for the Nationals in 2010, before the Twins got him in a shortsighted trade that sent catcher Wilson Ramos to Washington. Capps helped the Twins finish 94-68 in 2010, when Nathan was recovering from elbow surgery, but fans booed Capps off the field numerous times last year after blown saves. The team stuck with him, knowing he was pitching through a forearm issue. If he falters again, the Twins could turn to Glen Perkins, their most



JOE MAUER

DIFFERENCE MAKER JUSTIN MORNEAU

When healthy in 2009 and 2010, Morneau was one of the best players in baseball, reminding people why he was the 2006 AL MVP. But last year, even when healthy, he struggled, batting just .227 with four homers and a .618 OPS in 288 plate appearances. His games played have declined each of the past three years: 135, 81 and 69. His past two seasons have ended with concussions, leaving his future in doubt. The Twins are determined to keep him healthy this year, even if it means spending more time in the DH role.

dominant reliever from last season. Perkins and Duensing should help solidify the set-up roles, but the Twins have several other holes to fill after ranking last in the majors in bullpen ERA, at 4.51.

MIDDLE INFIELD Carroll's best position is second base, but the Twins plan to start him at shortstop, even at age 38. That would allow Alexi Casilla to stay at second base, where he finally started to look comfortable last season. A year ago, this team had high hopes for Tsuyoshi Nishioka, but after an MVP season in Japan in 2010, he broke his leg in his sixth major league game and looked overmatched when he returned. Like Carroll and Casilla, Nishioka can play both shortstop and second base, so there is plenty of flexibility here, with one of these three players headed to a utility infield role.

CORNERS Morneau is the team's biggest question mark, since his past three seasons have been derailed by injuries, with the last two involving concussions. The Twins would love to see him return to first base, the position he was slated to start in the All-Star game just two years ago. Third baseman Danny Valencia pledged to work on his defense after drawing manager Ron Gardenhire's ire last season. Valencia showed limited range and made 18 errors on the balls he did get to. The Twins signed Sean Burroughs to a minor league deal, knowing he can push Valencia to be better. If Valencia can give the Twins what he gave them in 2010 — he batted .311 with a .799 OPS — they'll have an easier time stomaching his defensive flaws.

OUTFIELD This is another area that has changed dramatically since 2010. After trading Delmon Young to Detroit last August, the Twins let Cuddyer and Kubel leave as free agents. Cuddyer signed a three-year, \$31.5 million deal with Colorado, and Kubel signed a two-year, \$15 million deal with Arizona. Willingham came cheaper than Cuddyer, at three years for \$21 million, and might be the better right-handed hitter. The Twins need center fielder Denard Span to stay healthy after playing just 70 games last year because of a concussion. Ben Revere, who made some spectacular catches in center while filling in for Span, is slated to play left field when both are healthy. Knowing how spacious the Target Field outfield is, the Twins will count on the speedy Span and Revere to cover lots of ground alongside the less-rangy Willingham. But Ryan also has hinted at a possible left field platoon with Revere and converted infielder Trevor Plouffe.

CATCHING Mauer's goal is to catch at least 130 games, but the Twins know they can't count on this after injury and illness limited him to 47 starts behind the plate last season. Doumit is not a good defensive catcher, but he's a switch-hitter with decent power. On days when Doumit isn't catching, he can DH. The Twins likely will carry three catchers, so there's an open spot for either Drew Butera, Rene Rivera or former Astros catcher J.R. Towles, who

STATISTICIAN

- 138** Sellouts for the Twins in 162 regular-season games so far at Target Field.
- 98** Home runs hit by Twins players at Target Field since it opened in 2010, including one by Joe Mauer.
- 98** Alexi Casilla's career-high for games played, set in 2008.
- 185** MLB-worst run-differential last year for the Twins, who scored 619 and allowed 804.
- 404** Ryan Doumit's batting average last September for the Pirates, which led the NL.
- 27** Times the Twins used the disabled list last year, for 16 different players.
- 119** Errors for the Twins last year, up from 78 in 2010.
- 48** Wins, in 148 games, for the Twins against AL East teams since 2008, counting the postseason.

TWINS

BATTING ORDER

CF Denard Span (L)	Was batting .300 with a .367 OBP when he suffered a concussion June 3 and played only 15 more games.
SS Jamey Carroll (R)	Played a career-high 146 games for Dodgers last year, at age 37, and posted a .359 OBP.
C Joe Mauer (L)	The three-time Gold Glove catcher has started just 105, 107 and 47 games behind the plate since 2008.
RF Josh Willingham (R)	Set new career highs with 29 home runs and 98 RBIs last year for Oakland.
1B Justin Morneau (L)	His career OPS as a first baseman is .856, compared to .772 as a DH.
3B Danny Valencia (R)	Played 147 games at third base last year, the most for a Twins third baseman since Corey Koskie (150) in 2001.
DH Ryan Doumit (S)	Batted .328 (41-for-125) after returning from a broken ankle last year with the Pirates.
2B Alexi Casilla (S)	Had another slow start last year, batting .188 through May 22, but batted .293 after that.
LF Ben Revere (L)	Led American League rookies last year with 34 stolen bases in 117 games.

BENCH

INF Tsuyoshi Nishioka (S)	Quietly posted a .478 OBP in his final seven games played last year, reaching base 11 times in 23 plate appearances.
OF Trevor Plouffe (R)	Batted .308 with a .782 OPS against lefties last year, compared to .212 with a .665 OPS against righties.
INF Luke Hughes (R)	Started 34 games at second base, 30 at first base and 13 at third base in 2011.
C Drew Butera (R)	Batted .197 as a true backup catcher in 2010 but got overexposed last year, batting .167 in 93 games.

ROTATION

RH Carl Pavano	Has pitched 221 innings and 222 innings in his first two full seasons with the Twins.
RH Scott Baker	On July 28, he ranked eighth in the AL with a 2.86 ERA, but a sore elbow limited him to two more starts.
LH Francisco Liriano	He went 14–10 with a 3.62 ERA in 2010 but struggled with left shoulder tightness last year.
RH Jason Marquis	Has fifth-highest ground-ball rate in baseball (55.1 percent) over the past three years.
RH Nick Blackburn	Much like 2010, he had his best month in May, going 3–0 with a 2.53 ERA in six starts.

BULLPEN

RH Matt Capps (Closer)	Blew six save chances as the Twins' closer last year, but posted a 3.24 ERA in his final 30 appearances.
LH Glen Perkins	Averaged 9.5 strikeouts per nine innings last year, ranking 12th in the AL (min. 60 IP).
LH Brian Duensing	Pitching mostly as a starter last year, he held lefties to a .217 average, but righties hit .330.
RH Alex Burnett	Allowed just 10 of his 62 inherited baserunners to score last year.
RH Lester Oliveros	Posted a 1.69 ERA and held opponents to a .222 batting average in his final eight appearances.
RH Esmerling Vasquez	Strikeout rate with the Diamondbacks dropped from 9.2 in 2010 to 5.9 last year before they waived him.
RH Terry Doyle	Rule 5 pick went 8–10 with a 3.07 in 26 combined starts at Class A and AA for the White Sox last season.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Tsuyoshi Nishioka will have a chance to reclaim a starting role at shortstop or second base this spring, battling Jamey Carroll and Alexi Casilla. The Twins have \$15 million invested in Nishioka and are convinced he's a better player than the one who hit .226 with a .527 OPS in 68 games, while committing 12 errors. Nishioka never got his feet on the ground, breaking a leg in early April. When he returned, his speed wasn't the same, and the pressure got to him on defense. The Twins are giving him a clean slate.

STATLINE



OPS OF PLAYERS WHO DEBUTED IN SEPT. 2011

1. Chris Parmelee, Twins **1.035**
2. Jesus Montero, Yankees996
3. Brett Pill, Giants881
4. Alex Liddi, Mariners820
5. Wilin Rosario, Rockies691
(min. 10 PAs)

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	BAL	BAL
8	9	10	LAA	LAA	TEX	TEX
15	16	17	NY	NY	TB	TB
22	23	24	BOS	BOS	KC	KC
29	30					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	LAA	LAA	SEA	SEA
6	7	8	LAA	LAA	TOR	TOR
13	14	15	CLE	CLE	MIL	MIL
20	21	22	CWS	CWS	DET	DET
27	28	29	OAK	OAK		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					CLE	CLE
3	4	5	KC	KC	CHC	CHC
10	11	12	PHI	PHI	MIL	MIL
17	18	19	PIT	PIT	CIN	CIN
24	25	26	CWS	CWS	KC	KC

JULY

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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3			



as GM, the Twins won two division titles and lost a one-game tiebreaker to the White Sox in 2008. Despite that success, the team's foundation showed some serious cracks last year. It wasn't just the 99 losses. The injury issues exposed a lack of depth at the Triple-A level. Twins CEO Jim Pohlad grew less confident in Smith as they met to discuss the team's plans throughout October. Smith's firing was surprising because the Twins hadn't fired a GM or manager since 1986. It also was delicate because Ryan and Smith are very close friends. But once again, the Twins proved to be one big happy family. By mid-December, Smith was back in the fold with a new position, as an assistant to the team president and general manager.

FINAL ANALYSIS Ryan was considered one of baseball's best GMs during his previous tenure from 1994-2007, and Twins fans couldn't help but feel excited when he returned to the job. But that enthusiasm was tempered when he immediately pledged to trim the Opening Day payroll to \$100 million, about \$13 million less than the team started with last year. This adds pressure for Mauer to stay healthy and perform better in Year 2 of an eight-year contract that is paying him \$23 million annually. If Mauer, Morneau, Span, Baker and Liriano are healthy, the Twins should have no trouble playing at least .500 this year, but it's hard to imagine a leap from 63-99 to the playoffs.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

MINNESOTA TWINS

SPOILS OF DEFEAT Last year's 63-99 finish gives the Twins the No. 2 pick in the June draft after the Astros. It's the first time the Twins have had a pick higher than No. 14 since 2001, when they took Joe Mauer first overall. Before the Mauer pick, the Twins struggled with three consecutive top-6 selections, as Ryan Mills (No. 6 overall in 1998), B.J. Garbe (No. 5 in 1999) and Adam Johnson (No. 2 in 2000) made little to no impact in the majors.

OFF TARGET Target Field was the toughest place to hit a home run in the majors when it opened in 2010 and fell to 11th-toughest last year, according to ESPN.com's park factors. Between seasons, Twins hitters convinced management to remove the decorative spruce trees behind the center field wall. The team also redid the batter's eye, trying to minimize glare issues. Fans snickered, as opponents out-homered the Twins 80 to 46 in Minnesota last year.

CORY IN THE HOUSE The Twins hired former Brewers and Cubs broadcaster Cory Prokus to replace

signed a minor league deal. Butera and Rivera combined to bat .160 in 368 plate appearances last season, so Towles will get a long look this spring.

DH/BENCH The Twins plan to rotate their DH duties, unless Morneau decides to become a full-time DH, lessening the chances of another concussion. Doumit should see the most time at DH, though Mauer will see plenty, too, as the team looks to keep his bat in the lineup more often. The bench will have more versatility, but significantly less muscle, now that Jim Thome has returned to the Phillies. But with injury-prone players all over his roster, Gardenhire needs all the options he can find.

MANAGEMENT Gardenhire returns for his 11th season, hoping this is more like 2010, when he was named AL Manager of the Year. His working relationship with Ryan was always better than it was with Smith, who never considered himself a talent evaluator. In Smith's four years

John Gordon, who retired after 25 years as the team's radio voice. Prokus, who prides himself on a descriptive style, worked alongside Bob Uecker for three years in Milwaukee, and he'll be paired with Dan Gladden, who returns for his 10th full season.

FARM REPORT The Twins fired Triple-A Rochester manager Tom Nieto after the Red Wings went 49-95 and 53-91 in his two seasons at the helm, choosing long-time major league third base coach Gene Glynn as his replacement. Rochester pitching coach Bobby Cuellar was retained, and hitting coach Tom Brunansky was promoted from Double-A New Britain after a productive year.

KILLER JERSEYS The Twins began wearing their popular 1961 throwback uniforms at home last May as a tribute to Harmon Killebrew, who died after a five-month battle with esophageal cancer. For 2012, the Twins will go back to having three jersey choices for every home game — their classic whites, their '61 throwbacks and a blue alternate jersey.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

LEVI MICHAEL

The Twins didn't have a pick until 29 other players had been selected, and with 18 pitchers off the board, they grabbed Michael, a shortstop, at No. 30. A switch-hitter, Michael batted just .289 as a junior for North Carolina, but he fought through ankle and hip flexor injuries, helping the Tar Heels reach the College World Series. He led the team with 49 walks and posted a .434 on-base percentage. After signing for \$1,175,000, he hoped to play in the October instructional league, but his body was still healing, so don't look for the Twins to rush him through their system, at least not in 2012. Some scouts question whether Michael, 21, has the range and arm to play shortstop in the majors. He played third base as a freshman and second base as a sophomore at UNC, so he's clearly versatile.



2010 TOP PICK

Alex Wimmers, RHP, Ohio State Overcame serious control issues last year at Class A and could rise quickly.

2009 TOP PICK

Kyle Gibson, RHP, Missouri Underwent Tommy John surgery last summer and will miss all of the 2012 season.

2008 TOP PICK

Aaron Hicks, OF, Wilson (Calif.) HS After solid showing in Arizona Fall League, he could make MLB debut in 2013.

2007 TOP PICK

Ben Revere, OF, Lexington (Ky.) Catholic HS Batted .267 in 117 games for Twins last year, but his OPS was just .619 as he failed to hit a home run.

2006 TOP PICK

Chris Parmelee, 1B/RF, Chino Hills (Calif.) HS Jumped from Double-A to majors and dazzled in September, hitting .355 in 21 games, but likely headed to Triple-A.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

INF Brian Dozier (24) He'll likely play shortstop at Triple-A and could make his major league debut this year.

RHP Carlos Gutierrez (25) A disappointment to date, his sinker is big league ready, but he has struggled at Triple-A.

OF Joe Benson (24) Five-tool talent struggled in September with Twins after jumping from Double-A.

C Chris Herrmann (24) This converted outfielder's stock climbed with a strong showing in the Arizona Fall League.

INF Miguel Sano (19) The organization's top prospect dominated rookie ball, with 20 HRs in 66 games, and is expected to rise quickly.

TWINS ROSTER

General Manager: Terry Ryan **Manager:** Ron Gardenhire **Coaches:** Rick Anderson (pitching), Steve Liddle (third base), Rick Stelmazek (bullpen), Scott Ulger (bench), Joe Vavra (batting), Jerry White (first base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
30	Scott Baker	R-R	6-4	215	9/19/81	MINNESOTA	8-6	3.14	23	21	0	134.2	126	32	123	
53	Nick Blackburn	R-R	6-4	240	2/24/82	MINNESOTA	7-10	4.49	26	26	0	148.1	183	54	76	
31	Alex Burnett	R-R	6-0	221	7/26/87	MINNESOTA	2-5	5.51	66	0	0	50.2	50	21	33	
						Rochester (AAA)	0-2	5.49	14	0	2	19.2	26	8	18	
55	Matt Capps	R-R	6-2	245	9/3/83	MINNESOTA	4-7	4.25	69	0	15	65.2	66	13	34	
58	Scott Diamond	L-L	6-3	215	7/30/86	MINNESOTA	1-5	5.08	7	7	0	39.0	51	17	19	
						Rochester (AAA)	4-14	5.56	23	23	0	123.0	158	36	90	
	Terry Doyle	R-R	6-4	225	11/2/85	Birmingham (AA)	7-5	3.24	15	15	0	100.0	91	22	73	
						Winston-Salem (A)	1-5	2.84	11	11	0	73.0	71	11	49	
52	Brian Duensing	L-L	6-0	207	2/22/83	MINNESOTA	9-14	5.23	32	28	0	161.2	193	52	115	
	Jeff Gray	R-R	6-3	198	11/19/81	SEATTLE	0-1	4.89	24	0	1	35.0	39	17	16	
						CHICAGO AL	0-0	2.70	6	0	0	13.1	13	4	7	
76	Deolis Guerra	R-R	6-5	245	4/17/89	New Britain (AA)	8-7	5.59	37	10	1	95.0	102	28	95	
72	Carlos Gutierrez	L-R	6-3	210	9/22/86	Rochester (AAA)	2-3	4.62	43	0	0	62.1	60	31	57	
62	Liam Hendriks	R-R	6-1	200	11/9/91	MINNESOTA	0-2	6.17	4	4	0	23.1	29	6	16	
						Rochester (AAA)	4-4	4.56	9	9	0	49.1	52	3	30	
						New Britain (AA)	8-2	2.70	16	15	0	90.0	85	18	81	
47	Francisco Liriano	L-L	6-2	215	10/26/83	MINNESOTA	9-10	5.09	26	24	0	134.1	125	75	112	
	Matt Maloney	L-L	6-4	220	1/16/84	CINCINNATI	0-3	9.16	8	2	0	18.2	36	4	13	
						Louisville (AAA)	7-1	2.99	14	13	0	81.1	77	11	51	
						AZL Reds (R)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	2.0	2	0	2	
49	Jeff Manship	R-R	6-2	211	1/16/85	MINNESOTA	0-0	8.10	5	0	0	3.1	5	4	2	
						Rochester (AAA)	1-2	4.32	3	0	0	25.0	24	4	21	
						GCL Twins (R)	0-0	1.50	2	2	0	6.0	5	0	5	
	Jason Marquis	L-R	6-1	210	8/21/78	ARIZONA	0-1	9.53	3	3	0	11.1	22	4	5	
						WASHINGTON	8-5	3.95	20	20	0	120.2	132	39	71	
17	Lester Oliveros	R-R	6-0	226	5/28/88	MINNESOTA	0-0	4.05	10	0	0	13.1	13	7	9	
						Rochester (AAA)	0-0	3.00	2	0	0	3.0	2	0	4	
						DETROIT	0-0	5.63	9	0	0	8.0	8	4	4	
						Toledo (AAA)	1-3	6.43	22	0	5	28.0	37	17	26	
						Erie (AA)	2-0	0.53	10	0	0	17.0	11	4	28	
48	Carl Pavano	R-R	6-5	250	1/8/76	MINNESOTA	9-13	4.30	33	33	0	222.0	262	40	102	
15	Glen Perkins	L-L	6-0	208	3/2/83	MINNESOTA	4-4	2.48	65	0	2	61.2	55	21	65	
	Tyler Robertson	L-L	6-5	246	12/23/87	New Britain (AA)	10-3	3.61	55	0	16	89.2	87	29	88	
51	Anthony Swarzak	R-R	6-4	208	9/10/85	MINNESOTA	4-7	4.32	27	11	0	102.0	111	26	55	
						Rochester (AAA)	2-1	3.90	6	6	0	32.1	35	7	25	
	Esmerling Vasquez	R-R	6-1	200	11/7/83	ARIZONA	1-1	4.15	31	0	0	30.1	27	13	20	
						Reno (AAA)	2-2	6.18	23	0	0	27.2	26	21	26	
57	Kyle Waldrop	R-R	6-5	215	10/27/85	MINNESOTA	1-0	5.73	7	0	0	11.0	10	6	5	
						Rochester (AAA)	5-5	3.87	56	0	3	79.0	84	18	44	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
41	Drew Butera	R-R	6-1	195	8/9/83	MINNESOTA	.167	93	234	19	39	2	23	11	42	0
	Ryan Doumit	S-R	6-1	210	4/3/81	PITTSBURGH	.303	77	218	17	66	8	30	16	35	0
						Indianapolis (AAA)	.231	8	26	4	6	0	3	4	4	0
						Bradenton (A)	.143	5	14	1	2	0	1	2	3	0
7	Joe Mauer	L-R	6-5	233	4/19/83	MINNESOTA	.287	82	296	38	85	3	30	32	38	0
						FL Myers (A)	.261	7	23	3	6	1	6	3	1	0
	J.R. Towles	R-R	6-2	190	2/11/84	HOUSTON	.184	54	147	11	27	3	11	13	26	0
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.276	35	105	19	29	3	11	18	11	3
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Sean Burroughs	L-R	6-2	180	9/12/80	ARIZONA	.273	78	110	8	30	1	8	3	15	1
						Reno (AAA)	.412	34	102	19	42	2	25	7	8	0
8	Jamey Carroll	R-R	5-9	168	2/18/74	LOS ANGELES NL	.290	146	452	52	131	0	17	47	58	10
12	Alexi Casilla	S-R	5-9	185	7/20/84	MINNESOTA	.260	97	323	52	84	2	21	28	45	15
						FL Myers (A)	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
38	Luke Hughes	R-R	5-11	205	8/2/84	MINNESOTA	.223	96	287	31	64	7	30	24	79	3
						Rochester (AAA)	.231	30	117	16	27	4	11	10	18	2
33	Justin Morneau	L-R	6-4	233	5/15/81	MINNESOTA	.227	69	264	19	60	4	30	19	44	0
						Rochester (AAA)	.367	7	30	8	11	1	8	1	2	0
1	Tsuyoshi Nishioka	S-R	6-1	176	7/27/84	MINNESOTA	.226	68	221	14	50	0	19	15	43	2
						Rochester (AAA)	.333	3	12	0	4	0	1	2	1	0
						FL Myers (A)	.333	4	12	4	4	0	1	2	2	1
83	Chris Parmelee	L-L	6-1	232	2/24/88	MINNESOTA	.355	21	76	8	27	4	14	12	13	0
						New Britain (AA)	.287	142	530	76	152	13	83	68	94	0
22	Danny Valencia	R-R	6-2	220	9/19/84	MINNESOTA	.246	154	564	63	139	15	72	40	102	2
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Oswaldo Arcia	R-R	6-0	186	5/9/91	FL Myers (A)	.263	59	213	27	56	8	32	9	53	1
						Beloit (A)	.352	20	71	18	25	5	18	9	16	2
						GCL Twins (R)	.500	2	8	1	4	0	1	0	1	0
63	Joe Benson	R-R	6-1	205	3/5/88	MINNESOTA	.239	21	71	3	17	0	2	3	21	2
						New Britain (AA)	.285	111	400	69	114	16	67	56	109	13
						GCL Twins (R)	.222	3	9	2	2	0	0	2	2	1
24	Trevor Plouffe	R-R	6-2	200	6/15/86	MINNESOTA	.238	81	286	47	68	8	31	25	71	3
						Rochester (AAA)	.313	51	192	33	60	15	33	21	39	3
11	Ben Revere	L-R	5-9	170	5/3/88	MINNESOTA	.267	117	450	56	120	0	30	26	41	34
						Rochester (AAA)	.303	32	132	15	40	1	9	6	11	8
2	Denard Span	L-L	6-0	208	2/27/84	MINNESOTA	.264	70	284	37	75	2	16	27	36	6
						Rochester (AAA)	.205	10	39	4	8	0	2	0	5	3
23	Rene Tosoni	L-R	6-0	197	7/2/86	MINNESOTA	.203	60	172	20	35	5	22	14	42	0
						Rochester (AAA)	.226	73	274	3	62	6	32	20	68	4
	Josh Willingham	R-R	6-2	215	2/17/79	OAKLAND	.246	136	488	69	120	29	98	56	150	4
						Sacramento (AAA)	.200	2	5	1	1	1	2	2	2	0



LOS ANGELES ANGELS

**2012
PREDICTION**

2ND

AL WEST

**2011
RECORD
86-76**

HOME: 45-36 ROAD: 41-40

TEAM STADIUM
Angel Stadium of Anaheim

TICKETS CAPACITY
888-796-HALO 45,050

TEAM WEBSITE
losangeles.angels.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	94	1st
2008	100	1st
2009	97	1st
2010	80	3rd
2011	86	2nd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 1B Albert Pujols

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Jered Weaver



BUY LOW ♦ OF Mike Trout

SELL HIGH ♦ OF Bobby Abreu

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ DH Kendrys Morales

IPO ♦ C Hank Conger

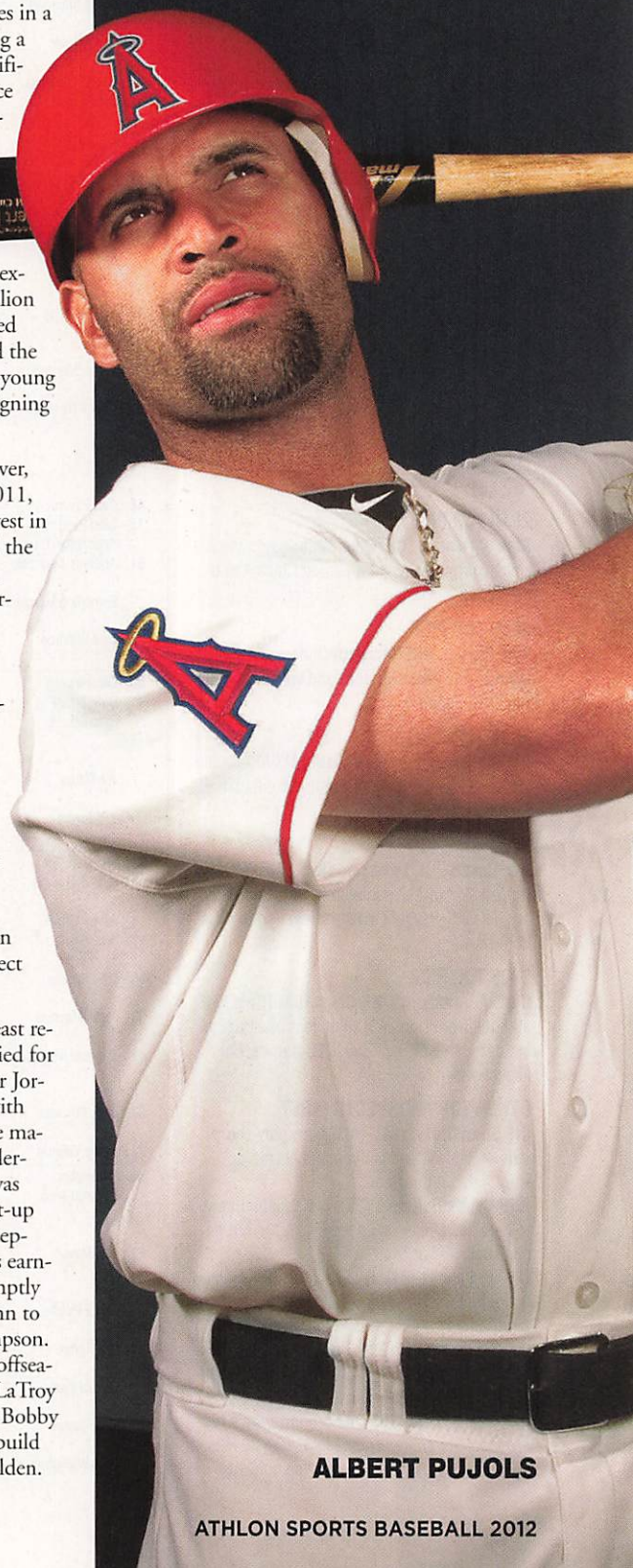
FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Garrett Richards

INSIDER TIP ♦ This won't be Trout's true bust-out year, but he'll steadily steal time from Abreu, Torii Hunter and Vernon Wells.

Arte Moreno clearly doesn't like finishing second. After the Angels missed the playoffs in consecutive years (2010-11) for the first time in his ownership, Moreno fired GM Tony Reagins and a handful of long-time front-office employees in a thorough purge. Jerry Dipoto was hired as GM, bringing a fresh vision to an organization that had not made a significant front office addition from outside the franchise since 2003. After annually falling short in pursuit of their big-ticket offseason targets, Moreno handed Dipoto a blank check and a clear mandate to think big in upgrading the team. Fueled by a new TV deal that gave the franchise's bottom line a robust boost, the Angels splurged on the biggest single-day free agent expenditure in baseball history — a combined \$331.5 million committed to first baseman Albert Pujols and left-handed pitcher C.J. Wilson. Those two moves have transformed the Angels from a fading franchise trying to rebuild around young players into a serious threat to the Texas Rangers, the reigning power in the AL West and the American League.

ROTATION A starting rotation fronted by Jered Weaver, Dan Haren and Ervin Santana put up a 3.59 ERA in 2011, the second-lowest in the American League and fifth-lowest in the majors. Weaver (18-8, 2.41 ERA, 1.01 WHIP) had the kind of season that would have won him a Cy Young in most years not featuring Justin Verlander's dominant performance. But the Angels' rotation was very much a front-loaded group with a serious drop-off after that trio. The Angels were a very good team when Weaver, Haren or Santana started (58-42) with those three combining to go 45-30 with a 2.98 ERA and 568 strikeouts in 702.2 innings. When one of their big three didn't start, though, the Angels were not a very good team (28-34). So they signed the best starting pitcher available on the free agent market in Wilson, creating a rotation that might be the best in baseball in 2012. The left-handed Wilson (an Orange County native who grew up rooting for the Angels) gives the rotation balance and lets Jerome Williams and top prospect Garrett Richards fight it out for the fifth spot.

BULLPEN Angels relievers were among the least reliable in baseball last season, blowing 25 saves (tied for the most in the American League). Rookie closer Jordan Walden had 10 of those blown saves, tied with Cubs reliever Carlos Marmol for the most in the majors. Growing pains from a rookie closer are understandable. But as big a problem for the Angels was their inability to find any consistency in their set-up crew beyond veteran Scott Downs (who was exceptional). A revolving group of relievers took turns earning manager Mike Scioscia's trust and then promptly losing it — from Kevin Jepsen and Michael Kohn to Fernando Rodney, Jason Bulger and Rich Thompson. Dipoto made the bullpen a high priority in the offseason but emerged only with veteran set-up man LaTroy Hawkins added to Downs, Hisanori Takahashi, Bobby Cassevah and the remnants of last year's pen to build the bridge between the starting rotation and Walden.



ALBERT PUJOLS

DIFFERENCE MAKER VERNON WELLS

For the second consecutive season, the health status of Kendrys Morales (still recovering from his May 2010 fractured ankle) is the biggest question mark hovering over the Angels. But Wells is not far behind. As much as Morales' absence from the Angels' lineup has dragged down the offense, Wells' presence in that lineup did the same in 2011. Wells doesn't have to regain his former All-Star form. But he has to move in that direction in order to protect Albert Pujols, lengthen the Angels' lineup — and keep Mike Trout from taking his job.

MIDDLE INFIELD Manning the middle has been a three-man job over the past few years. Injuries, inconsistency and a search for the best lineup matchups prompted Scioscia to rotate the two jobs among three players — Howard Kendrick at second base, Erick Aybar at shortstop and Maicer Izturis at both positions. Kendrick (an All-Star in 2011) and Aybar (the American League Gold Glove winner at shortstop) are entering their primes and have stronger grips on the every-day duty. But Izturis remains a valuable and versatile role player who should see significant playing time at second, third and shortstop.

CORNERS Pujols' average season (.328/.420/.617, 42 home runs, 126 RBIs and 123 runs scored) blows away anything the Angels have had in their lineup since Vlad Guerrero's prime. His arrival also creates a potential surplus at first base. The Angels are optimistic that Kendrys Morales can finally return from his fractured ankle in 2012. Rookie of the Year runner-up Mark Trumbo returns for his sophomore season after leading the Angels in home runs (29) and RBIs (87). While Morales figures to make his return primarily at DH, Trumbo might have to become a utility player in order to get his at-bats this season. The Angels plan to try Trumbo at third base (in a part-time capacity), where he would join a co-op with Alberto Callaspo and Izturis. The Callaspo-Izturis combo provides little of the power expected from a corner infielder, but Callaspo did lead the team in batting average (.288) and on-base percentage last season.

OUTFIELD The Angels head into 2012 with six outfielders vying for playing time in three spots — seven if you count Trumbo, a man without a position. Two of those players represent the Angels' dynamic future — Peter Bourjos and Mike Trout. Three of those players are costly veterans in their declining years (Torii Hunter, Vernon Wells and Bobby Abreu). Bourjos emerged as a Gold Glove-caliber defender, one of the best center fielders in baseball. He was also the first player in franchise history and one of only two in the majors last season (along with Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson) to have at least 25 doubles, 10 triples, 10 home runs and 20 stolen bases. Hunter, Wells and Abreu, on the other hand, set career-lows almost across the board. Hunter bounced back in the second half and could be re-energized in a lineup bolstered by the addition of Pujols and the return of Morales, allowing him to slip back into a complementary role. A bounce-back for Wells is almost inevitable — it seems impossible he could be as bad as he was in his first season with the Angels (a .218 average and .248 on-base percentage). Ryan Langerhans will provide a lefty bat off the bench. Looming over all is the rising star — Trout. He made the leap to the majors from Double-A last summer with limited success (a .220 average in 40 games). His electrifying skill set was apparent, though, and his time is coming.

STATISTICIAN

- Angels shortstops who have won Gold Gloves — Jim Fregosi (1967), Orlando Cabrera (2007) and Erick Aybar (2011).
- Outfield assists for Torii Hunter in 2011, a career-high, fourth among all outfielders and second among all right fielders. It was Hunter's first full season in right field.
- Losses in which the Angels either led or were tied after eight innings in 2011, including 13 losses in extra innings (matching the club record).
- Saves by Angels relievers in 2011, tied for the most in the American League.
- Blown saves by rookie closer Jordan Walden in 2011, tied with Cubs reliever Carlos Marmol for the most in the majors.
- Angels who have made their major league debut over the past two seasons.

ANGELS

BATTING ORDER

SS Erick Aybar (S)	Switch-hitter was much more dangerous from the left side — a .308 average, .341 OBP and seven home runs.
2B Howard Kendrick (R)	Added power (career-highs of 18 HRs and .464 slugging percentage) to .285 average last season.
1B Albert Pujols (R)	Contract includes \$3 million bonus for 3,000th hit, \$7 million for 763rd home run — has 2,073 hits, 445 homers.
DH Kendrys Morales (S)	Has missed 273 games since fracturing his left ankle on May 29, 2010.
RF Torii Hunter (R)	Reversed aging process in second half of 2011 — .324 average, 10 home runs, 31 RBIs after the end of July.
LF Vernon Wells (R)	Wells' .218 average, .248 OBP in 2011 were lowest of any major leaguer who qualified for batting title.
3B Alberto Callaspo (S)	Should share playing time with Maicer Izturis, possibly Mark Trumbo as well.
C Chris Iannetta (R)	Had OBPs of .390 and .370 in the only two seasons in which he played 100-plus games (2008, '11).
CF Peter Bourjos (R)	Hit better against lefties (.289 average, .503 slugging) than righties; candidate for spot starts at leadoff.

BENCH

INF Maicer Izturis (S)	One of Angels' smartest hitters, stayed healthy enough to play career-high 122 games in 2011.
C Bobby Wilson (R)	Caught Ervin Santana's no-hitter; penciled in to back up Chris Iannetta.
OF Bobby Abreu (L)	In serious decline but rare left-handed bat for righty-heavy Angels.
OF Ryan Langerhans (L)	Veteran gives Angels another left-handed bat, provides solid defense at all three outfield positions.
INF Mark Trumbo (R)	First rookie to lead Angels in homers (29) and RBIs (87) has to fight for at-bats now.

ROTATION

RH Jered Weaver	Only Cy Young winner Justin Verlander had a better year among AL pitchers in 2011.
RH Dan Haren	Durable and dependable, Haren has not missed a start since becoming a regular in 2005.
LH C.J. Wilson	In two seasons since converting to starter is 31–15 with 3.14 ERA, 376 strikeouts.
RH Ervin Santana	Went 7–1 with 2.18 ERA in July and August including no-hitter in Cleveland.
RH Jerome Williams	22–2 with 3.10 ERA in 206.1 IP combined in independent league, Triple-A, majors and winter ball last year.

BULLPEN

RH Jordan Walden (Closer)	Had club rookie record 32 saves — and tied for MLB-high with 10 blown saves.
LH Scott Downs	Most reliable reliever in a shaky 2011 bullpen had 26 holds, a 1.34 ERA.
RH LaTroy Hawkins	Veteran joins his ninth team; gives Angels another veteran setup option with Downs.
RH Bobby Cassevah	Mike Scioscia grew to trust Cassevah's heavy sinker late in the 2011 season.
LH Hisanori Takahashi	A lefty specialist who fared better against righties (.206 average, .599 OPS) than lefties (.261, .733).
RH Rich Thompson	Never grabbed hold of a role in 2011 but did have 56 strikeouts in 54 innings.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The most important thing to watch in the Angels' spring camp this year is again the progress of Kendrys Morales in his attempt to return from a fractured left ankle suffered in May 2010. Morales' return could transform the Angels' lineup into a much more potent group. Meanwhile, reborn journeyman Jerome Williams, top prospect Garrett Richards and newly acquired (from Toronto) lefthander Brad Mills will compete for the final spot in the Angels' starting rotation. After going a combined 22–2 with a 3.10 ERA in 206.1 innings spread out over independent ball, Triple-A, the Angels and Venezuelan winter ball in 2011, Williams is the frontrunner for that fifth starter's spot.

STATLINE



2011 STARTER LEADS BLOWN BY BULLPEN

1. Angels	20
2t. Cubs	18
2t. Nationals	18
4. Astros	17
5. Blue Jays	16

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					KC	KC
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
KC	MIN		MIN	MIN	NYN	NYN
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NYN	OAK	OAK	OAK	BAL	BAL	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
BAL	TB	TB	TB	CLE	CLE	
29	30					
CLE	MIN					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		MIN	MIN	TOR	TOR	TOR
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
TOR	MIN	MIN	MIN	TEX	TEX	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
TEX	OAK	OAK	CWS	CWS	SD	SD
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
SD	OAK	OAK	OAK	SEA	SEA	
27	28	29	30	31		
SEA	NYN	NYN	NYN	TEX		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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					TEX	TEX
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
TEX	SEA	SEA	SEA	COL	COL	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
COL	LAD	LAD	LAD	ARI	ARI	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ARI	SF	SF	SF	LAD	LAD	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
LAD	BAL	BAL	TOR	TOR	TOR	

JULY

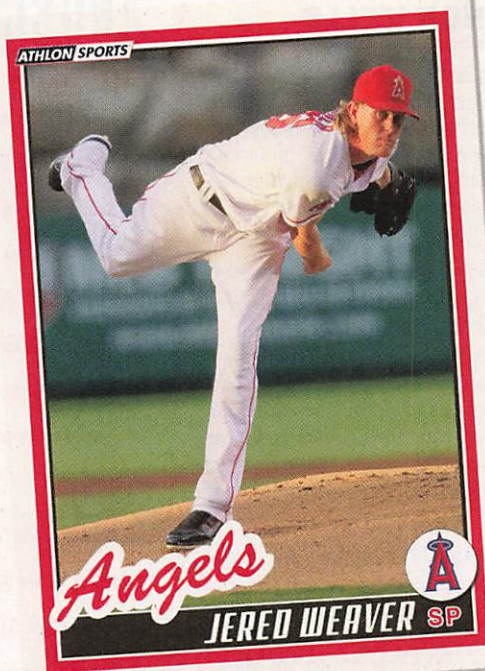
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NYN	DET	DET	DET	DET	TEX	TEX
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
TEX	KC	KC	KC	TB	TB	
29	30	31				
TB	TEX	TEX				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			TEX	TEX	CWS	CWS
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CWS	OAK	OAK	OAK	SEA	SEA	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SEA	CLE	CLE	CLE	TB	TB	TB
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
TB	BOS	BOS	BOS	DET	DET	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
DET	BOS	BOS	BOS	SEA		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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						SEA
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
SEA	OAK	OAK	OAK	DET	DET	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
DET	OAK	OAK	OAK	KC	KC	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
KC	TEX	TEX	TEX	CWS	CWS	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CWS	SEA	SEA	SEA	TEX	TEX	
30	1	2	3			
TEX	SEA	SEA	SEA			



CATCHING Scioscia's love of defense from his catchers couldn't blind him forever to the offensive incompetence of Jeff Mathis. Things finally changed this winter with Mathis jettisoned by Dipoto (in a trade to the Blue Jays) and Chris Iannetta acquired to restore some much-needed balance to the position. The question now is whether Iannetta can carry his offense out of Coors Field and into the American League — his career splits heavily favor his former home. Iannetta's arrival also casts a shadow over Hank Conger as the Angels' catcher of the future. With the 28-year-old Iannetta likely to make 100 starts or more, Conger (a former first-round pick) will compete with Bobby Wilson for backup duty at best.

DH/BENCH In an ideal world for the Angels, Morales would return healthy in 2012 and ease back into things as their primary DH. However, Morales' health remains a question mark; Abreu lurks as a \$9

million albatross with fading skills; and Trumbo is a second-year player with tremendous power but nowhere to play. Scioscia will piece together a DH out of that group with the remains (plus the idle half of his Callaspo-Izturis infield time-share) making up the meat of the Angels' bench.

MANAGEMENT Dipoto has brought a new vision, surrounding himself with a group of evaluators and assistants with a distinctly analytical bent. With greater job security than any other manager in baseball, Scioscia had become a looming power in the organization, stifling dissent. That has clearly changed with the new power structure in the front office. Dipoto's offseason moves (aided by Moreno's decision to throw open the bank vault) reflect his philosophy, pushing the Angels toward greater regard for on-base percentage and pitchers who can "control counts." It represents a new direction for a franchise that had begun to grow stale.

FINAL ANALYSIS The offseason splurge for Pujols and Wilson has upped the ante for this season. Anything short of a return to the top of the AL West (a division the Angels ruled with five first-place finishes in six seasons from 2004-09) might make them question their investment. It won't be easy. The Rangers remain a power, with a strong farm system and a deep team anchored by players entering their primes. The Angels-Rangers rivalry figures to be as competitive as any in baseball.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

LOS ANGELES ANGELS

THE DEAN With the retirements of Tony La Russa and Bobby Cox over the past two years, Mike Scioscia is the longest-tenured manager in baseball. Entering his 13th season as Angels manager, Scioscia has 1,066 wins, fifth among active managers behind Jim Leyland (1,588), Dusty Baker (1,484), Bruce Bochy (1,360) and Davey Johnson (1,188).

HALO NO-NO On May 17, 2005, Ervin Santana took the mound in Cleveland to make his major league debut. Things didn't go so well — the Indians pounded Santana, who allowed a cycle to the first four big-league batters he faced (a triple, double, single and home run, in that order). Six years later, Santana still had never won in Cleveland, making it an unlikely venue for what took place on July 27 of last season. Santana pitched a no-hitter against the Indians, the first by a single Angels pitcher since Mike Witt's perfect game in Texas on Sept. 30, 1984. Santana's no-hitter was the third in the major leagues last season — all by pitchers with losing records going into their historic games.

ROAD LESS TRAVELED Once a precocious big leaguer, Jerome Williams has traveled a long road back to the majors — to Puerto Rico, Mexico and Taiwan, from the Long Beach Armada to the Lancaster Barnstormers. The Giants' first-round draft pick in 1999, Williams made the majors as a 21-year-old in 2003 and went 17-12 in his first two seasons. A poor work ethic led to issues with his weight and eventually shoulder problems. The combination bounced him from the Giants to the Cubs to the Nationals and out of the majors in 2007. He bounced around the minors, played in other countries and for two different independent leagues before resurfacing in the majors with the Angels last August. When he got the win in a start against the Orioles on Aug. 21, it was his first major league win since Sept. 25, 2005 with the Cubs. That nearly six-year gap between major league wins was the longest by an Angels pitcher since Dave LaRoche went six years and one day between victories from 1974 to 1980.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

C.J. CRON

In his first draft as the Angels' scouting director, Ric Wilson took Cron, a first baseman from the University of Utah. Cron is the first college player taken by the Angels with their first pick since Jered Weaver (Long Beach State in 2004) and the first college position player taken by the team in the first round since Troy Glaus (UCLA in 1997). Cron tore up the rookie Pioneer League (.308, 13 home runs and 41 RBIs in 34 games) before dislocating the patella in his right knee on a swing. He had surgery to repair that injury and is also rehabbing a torn labrum in his right shoulder (which limited him to DH at Orem) in hopes of avoiding surgery on that as well.



2010 TOP PICK

Kaleb Cowart, 3B, Cook County (Ga.) HS Hit .283 with seven home runs, 40 RBIs and 81 strikeouts over 72 games in first full pro season.

2009 TOP PICK

Randall Grichuk, OF Lamar Consolidated (Texas) HS Will always be overshadowed by Angels' other first-rounder that year — Mike Trout.

2008 TOP PICK

Tyler Chatwood, RHP, East Valley (Calif.) HS Went 6-11, 4.75 ERA in the Angels' rotation, then was traded to the Rockies for Chris Iannetta.

2007 TOP PICK

Jon Bachanov, RHP, University (Fla.) HS Tommy John surgery delayed pro debut until 2009; released by Angels in 2011 and picked up by White Sox.

2006 TOP PICK

Hank Conger, C, Huntington Beach (Calif.) HS Spent much of 2011 in majors but future is cloudy with acquisition of Chris Iannetta.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

OF Mike Trout (20) *Baseball America's* Minor League Player of the Year is knocking on big-league door.

RHP Garrett Richards (23) Rising fast in Angels' system thin on good starting pitching prospects.

INF Jean Segura (22) Hamstring injury took a big bite out of his 2011, but he did hit .310 in the Arizona Fall League.

RHP John Hellweg (23) Big righty took off after move from bullpen to rotation in Class A (4-1, 2.12 ERA in 14 starts).

2B Taylor Lindsey (20) Good defender who hit .362 with nine home runs in rookie ball last season.

ANGELS ROSTER

General Manager: Jerry Dipoto **Manager:** Mike Scioscia **Coaches:** Mike Butcher (pitching), Dino Ebel (third base), Alfredo Griffin (first base), Rob Picciolo (bench), Steve Soliz (bullpen)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	HI.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
22	Trevor Bell	L-R	6-2	200	10/12/86	LOS ANGELES AL	1-1	3.41	19	0	0	34.1	39	10	17	
						Salt Lake (AAA)	2-5	6.27	11	10	0	56.0	71	13	49	
68	Ysmael Carmona	R-R	6-1	190	2/12/85	INJURED—Missed Season										
38	Bobby Cassevah	R-R	6-3	220	9/11/85	Salt Lake (AAA)	1-3	4.64	18	0	0	21.1	23	10	12	
37	Scott Downs	L-L	6-2	210	3/17/76	LOS ANGELES AL	6-3	1.34	60	0	1	53.2	39	15	35	
24	Dan Haren	R-R	6-5	215	9/17/80	LOS ANGELES AL	16-10	3.17	35	34	0	238.1	211	33	192	
	LaTroy Hawkins	R-R	6-5	220	12/21/72	MILWAUKEE	3-1	2.42	52	0	0	48.1	50	10	28	
						Nashville (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	1.1	1	2	1	
						Brevard County (A)	0-0	4.91	3	0	0	3.2	6	0	5	
	John Hellweg	R-R	6-9	210	10/29/88	Inland Empire (A)	6-4	3.73	28	14	0	89.1	75	59	113	
40	Kevin Jepsen	R-R	6-3	230	7/26/84	LOS ANGELES AL	1-2	7.62	16	0	0	13.0	21	9	6	
						Salt Lake (AAA)	1-3	4.45	24	0	7	28.1	32	8	20	
58	Michael Kohn	R-R	6-0	200	6/26/86	LOS ANGELES AL	0-1	7.30	14	0	1	12.1	14	9	9	
						Salt Lake (AAA)	1-3	4.10	46	0	12	48.1	47	20	64	
	Fabio Martinez Mesa	R-R	6-3	190	10/29/89	AZL Angels (R)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.1	2	1	2	
	Brad Mills	R-L	6-0	185	3/5/85	TORONTO	1-2	9.82	5	4	0	18.1	23	12	18	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	11-9	4.00	24	24	0	157.1	161	39	136	
	Ariel Pena	R-R	6-3	190	5/20/89	Salt Lake (AAA)	0-0	2.25	1	1	0	4.0	7	4	3	
						Inland Empire (A)	10-6	4.45	27	27	0	151.2	154	81	180	
43	Garrett Richards	R-R	6-3	215	5/27/88	LOS ANGELES AL	0-2	5.79	7	3	0	14.0	16	7	9	
						Arkansas (AA)	12-2	3.15	22	21	0	143.0	123	40	103	
54	Ervin Santana	R-R	6-2	185	12/12/82	LOS ANGELES AL	11-12	3.38	33	33	0	228.2	207	72	178	
21	Hisanori Takahashi	L-L	5-10	175	4/2/75	LOS ANGELES AL	4-3	3.44	61	0	2	68.0	58	25	52	
63	Rich Thompson	R-R	6-1	205	7/1/84	LOS ANGELES AL	1-3	3.00	44	0	0	54.0	46	20	56	
51	Jordan Walden	R-R	6-5	235	11/16/87	LOS ANGELES AL	5-5	2.98	62	0	32	60.1	49	26	67	
36	Jered Weaver	R-R	6-7	215	10/4/82	LOS ANGELES AL	18-8	2.41	33	33	0	235.2	182	56	198	
57	Jerome Williams	R-R	6-3	240	12/4/81	LOS ANGELES AL	4-0	3.68	10	6	0	44.0	45	15	28	
						Salt Lake (AAA)	7-2	3.91	11	10	0	73.2	78	15	60	
33	C.J. Wilson	L-L	6-1	210	11/18/80	TEXAS	16-7	2.94	34	34	0	223.1	191	74	206	
No.	Catchers	B-T	HI.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
16	Hank Conger	S-R	6-1	220	1/29/88	LOS ANGELES AL	.209	59	177	14	37	6	19	17	37	0
						Salt Lake (AAA)	.300	27	100	14	30	5	26	12	18	0
	Chris Iannetta	R-R	6-0	230	4/8/83	COLORADO	.238	112	345	51	82	14	55	70	89	6
46	Bobby Wilson	R-R	6-0	210	4/8/83	LOS ANGELES AL	.189	57	111	5	21	1	8	10	16	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	HI.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
28	Alexi Amarista	L-R	5-8	150	4/6/89	LOS ANGELES AL	.154	23	52	2	8	0	5	2	8	0
						Salt Lake (AAA)	.292	86	363	49	106	4	50	22	56	15
2	Erick Aybar	S-R	5-10	180	1/14/84	LOS ANGELES AL	.279	143	556	71	155	10	59	31	68	30
6	Alberto Callaspo	S-R	5-9	195	4/19/83	LOS ANGELES AL	.288	141	475	54	137	6	46	58	48	8
13	Maicer Izturis	S-R	5-8	175	9/12/80	LOS ANGELES AL	.276	122	449	51	124	5	38	33	65	9
	Luis Jimenez	R-R	6-1	205	1/18/88	Arkansas (AA)	.290	125	490	62	142	18	94	27	72	15
47	Howard Kendrick	R-R	5-10	210	7/12/83	LOS ANGELES AL	.285	140	537	86	153	18	63	33	119	14
8	Kendrys Morales	S-R	6-1	225	6/20/83	INJURED — Missed Season										
5	Albert Pujols	R-R	6-3	230	1/16/80	ST. LOUIS	.299	147	579	105	173	37	99	61	58	9
18	Andrew Romine	S-R	6-1	190	12/24/85	LOS ANGELES AL	.125	10	16	2	2	0	0	1	6	1
						Salt Lake (AAA)	.281	105	381	67	107	4	35	45	87	23
	Jean Segura	R-R	5-11	160	3/17/90	Inland Empire (A)	.281	44	185	26	52	3	21	15	26	18
						AZL Angels (R)	.367	8	30	5	11	1	5	0	3	0
44	Mark Trumbo	R-R	6-4	220	1/16/86	LOS ANGELES AL	.254	149	539	65	137	29	87	25	120	9
No.	Outfielders	B-T	HI.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
53	Bobby Abreu	L-R	6-0	220	3/11/74	LOS ANGELES AL	.253	142	502	54	127	8	60	78	113	21
25	Peter Bourjos	R-R	6-1	185	3/31/87	LOS ANGELES AL	.271	147	502	72	136	12	43	32	124	22
48	Torii Hunter	R-R	6-2	225	7/18/75	LOS ANGELES AL	.262	156	580	80	152	23	82	62	125	5
	Ryan Langerhans	L-L	6-3	220	2/20/80	SEATTLE	.173	19	52	6	9	3	6	11	22	0
						Tacoma (AAA)	.313	57	214	46	67	16	37	37	63	3
						Reno (AAA)	.308	38	130	23	40	6	23	39	31	8
55	Jeremy Moore	L-R	6-1	190	6/29/87	LOS ANGELES AL	.125	8	8	3	1	0	0	0	2	0
						Salt Lake (AAA)	.298	113	426	76	127	15	66	21	114	21
27	Mike Trout	R-R	6-1	200	8/7/91	LOS ANGELES AL	.220	40	123	20	27	5	16	9	30	4
						Arkansas (AA)	.326	91	353	82	115	11	38	45	76	33
10	Vernon Wells	R-R	6-1	230	12/8/78	LOS ANGELES AL	.218	131	505	60	110	25	66	20	86	9



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2012 PREDICTION

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AL WEST

2011 RECORD

74-88

HOME: 43-38 ROAD: 31-50

TEAM STADIUM

Oakland-Alameda Co. Coliseum

TICKETS CAPACITY

800-326-4000 50,069

TEAM WEBSITE

oakland.athletics.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR WIN TREND

2007 **76** 3rd

2008 **75** 3rd

2009 **75** 4th

2010 **81** 2nd

2011 **74** 3rd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ None

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ None

BUY LOW ♦ 2B Jemile Weeks

SELL HIGH ♦ None



MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SP Brett Anderson

IPO ♦ OF Collin Cowgill

FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Jarrod Parker

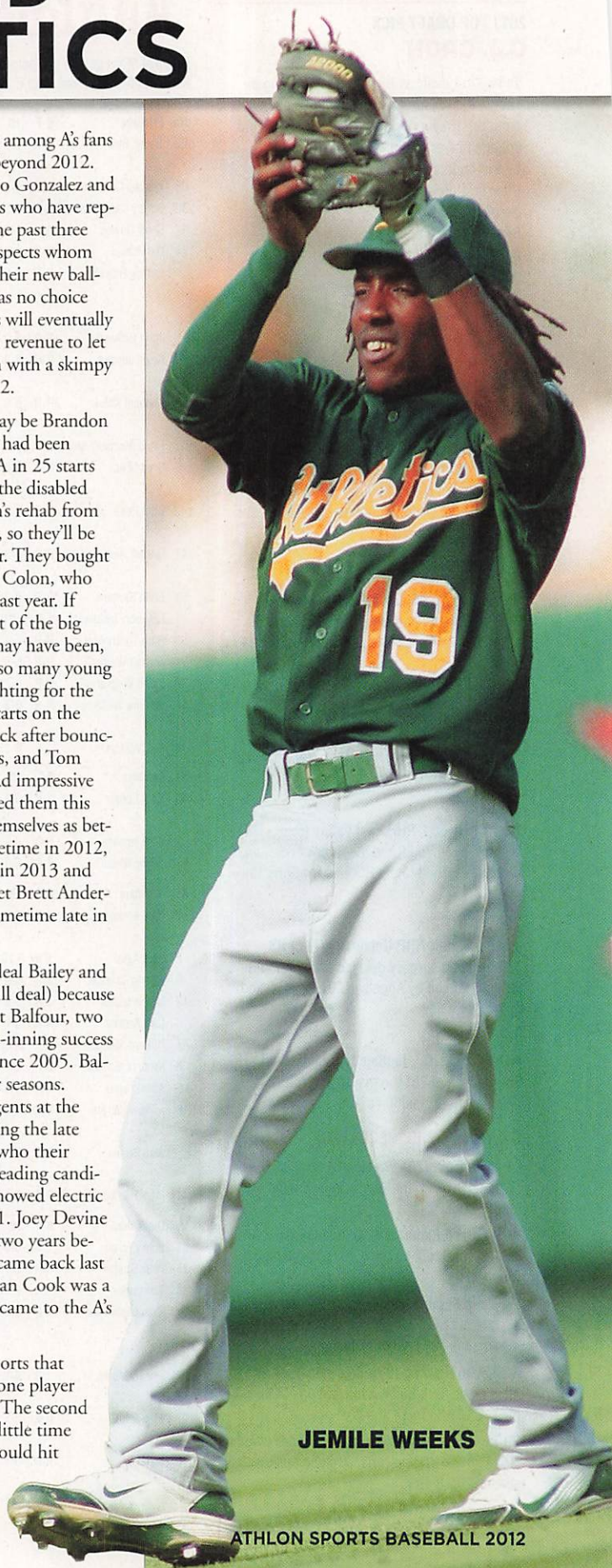
INSIDER TIP ♦ This is the most vacant fantasy roster we've seen since the hobby was devised, but role players include Josh Reddick (fifth outfielder), Brandon Allen (for cheap homers) and Weeks/Coco Crisp (steals).

Billy Beane's offseason left little doubt among A's fans that the team was shifting its focus beyond 2012. Beane traded away Trevor Cahill, Gio Gonzalez and Andrew Bailey, the only three players who have represented Oakland as All-Stars over the past three years. In return, the A's received a handful of prospects whom they plan to use to build toward the opening of their new ballpark, whenever that may be. Beane has said he has no choice but to operate under the assumption that the A's will eventually be moving into a ballpark that produces enough revenue to let them compete. In the meantime, he's got a team with a skimpy payroll and almost no chance to contend in 2012.

ROTATION The Opening Day starter just may be Brandon McCarthy, a nomadic righthander whose career had been floundering until he busted out with a 3.32 ERA in 25 starts for the A's in 2011. The true "ace" may start on the disabled list. The A's were optimistic about Dallas Braden's rehab from shoulder surgery, but shoulders are always tricky, so they'll be cautious with him, especially in a rebuilding year. They bought themselves some insurance with veteran Bartolo Colon, who was a revelation in the first half for the Yankees last year. If Colon's 2011 season, which came after being out of the big leagues for a year, wasn't a total fluke, which it may have been, he can eat innings and allow the A's not to rush so many young pitchers. The A's essentially have five pitchers fighting for the final two spots in the rotation (three if Braden starts on the DL). Graham Godfrey and Tyson Ross come back after bouncing between Triple-A and the majors with the A's, and Tom Milone, Brad Peacock and Jarrod Parker each had impressive cameos in the bigs last year before the A's acquired them this winter. If even two of those five can establish themselves as better-than-average big league starters sometime in 2012, the A's have a shot at a decent rotation in 2013 and beyond. The A's are also expecting to get Brett Anderson back from Tommy John surgery sometime late in 2012.

BULLPEN The A's could afford to deal Bailey and Craig Breslow (to Arizona, in the Cahill deal) because they still have Brian Fuentes and Grant Balfour, two veterans who have track records of late-inning success in the majors. Fuentes has 195 saves since 2005. Balfour has a 2.85 ERA over the past four seasons. Those two pitchers will each be free agents at the end of 2012, so they'll simply be holding the late innings warm while the A's figure out who their next young closer will be. One of the leading candidates is Fautino De Los Santos, who showed electric stuff at times in his rookie year in 2011. Joey Devine might also be a candidate. He missed two years because of Tommy John surgery, but he came back last year with a 3.52 ERA in 26 games. Ryan Cook was a closer in the Arizona system before he came to the A's in the Cahill deal.

MIDDLE INFIELD There were reports that Beane went into the winter with only one player on his untouchable list: Jemile Weeks. The second baseman came up in June and wasted little time establishing himself as someone who could hit and make an impact on the bases. His defense isn't quite what the A's have



JEMILE WEEKS

DIFFERENCE MAKER CHRIS CARTER

The A's have nothing resembling an established middle-of-the-order force, and the only player on the roster who seems like he could fill that role this year is Carter. What's Carter done so far in the big leagues? Zip. He has a .167 average and an OPS of .480 in 124 plate appearances. The A's have to believe that something better is still in there for the 25-year-old. His career minor league OPS is .919, including .890 at Triple A. The A's need someone to hit the ball over the fence, and Carter is their best bet.

come to expect with Mark Ellis, though. Across the bag, Cliff Pennington is a very good defensive shortstop who has some offensive shortcomings. Pennington's numbers in 2010 and '11 were eerily similar — his OPS was .687 both years. It's a safe bet that he'll be somewhere in that range again, which makes him a below-average hitter, even for a shortstop.

CORNER INFIELD Daric Barton looked like the long-term answer at first base after he showed significant defensive and offensive improvement three years in a row, but last season he started terribly and got hurt. He was a candidate to be non-tendered, but the A's re-signed him for \$1.1 million, signaling that they plan to let him have a crack at getting back into their good graces. They have plenty of competition from guys like Brandon Allen and Kila Ka'aihue (both acquired in trades since July) and the tantalizing Chris Carter, whose raw power allows him a long leash while the A's hope for him to put it together. At third, the A's seem settled on Scott Sizemore as the answer, for the short term anyway. Sizemore came over in a deal with the Tigers last year and showed some pop, plate discipline and good defense.

OUTFIELD Halfway through the winter, the A's had an entire outfield worth of unproven players, but then in a two-week span in January, they re-signed Coco Crisp to play center and traded for Seth Smith to play left, leaving just one spot up for grabs for the young players. Crisp is an above average defender and he can be a dynamic player at the top of the lineup, but he's had injury problems over the past few years. Smith has been a fairly consistent performer over his three full seasons in Colorado, but if he hit only 15-17 homers there, he's not likely to do better in Oakland. Smith is not such a proven commodity that the A's couldn't slide him to the bench if more than one of the young players proves worthy, though. Josh Reddick, who came from Boston in the Bailey deal, is the top of the pack. He's solid defensively and has some pop, but, like Smith, probably not enough to be a long-term answer in a corner outfield spot. The A's also have Collin Cowgill, Michael Taylor and Brandon Allen, each of whom will get just enough of a shot in 2012 to show whether he can be a part of the long-term solution. The real budding star, top prospect, Michael Choice, also could be ready to make his debut sometime this year.

CATCHING Kurt Suzuki looked like he was on his way to becoming one of the best young, two-way catchers in baseball. The A's were betting on it when they gave him a four-year, \$16.25-million deal early in 2010. But he has struggled in the two seasons since. The A's don't have any alternatives in the short term, so they'll hang with Suzuki and hope that he can figure out what went wrong offensively and defensively. They may have to drop him into the middle of their young lineup, though, which is only going to add more pressure.

STATISTICIAN

- 3.98** Runs per game by the A's in 2011, 12th in the AL.
- 22** Stolen bases by Jemile Weeks in 2011, most by an A's first-year player since Luis Polonia (29 in 1987).
- 1** Pitchers in the AL who had more complete games than Brandon McCarthy's 5 (James Shields, 11).
- 5** Consecutive non-winning seasons by the A's since winning the division in 2006.
- 5** Consecutive division titles for the A's Triple-A affiliate in Sacramento.
- .610** OPS of A's first basemen in 2011, worst in the majors.
- 3.05** Career minor league ERA for Tom Milone, who came to the A's in the Gio Gonzalez trade.
- 21** Josh Reddick HRs in 2011, 14 in the minors and seven with the Red Sox.

Weeks: Jeff Golden/Getty Images; Anderson: Ric Fogel

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BATTING ORDER

CF	Coco Crisp (S)	His .693 OPS in '11 was second-lowest of his career, but he led the AL with 49 stolen bases.
2B	Jemile Weeks (S)	Picked a bad year to be a rookie; got no votes for Rookie of the Year despite hitting .303.
RF	Josh Reddick (L)	A nice fourth outfielder on a good team — but he will be forced to start in Oakland.
DH	Chris Carter (R)	Needed 36 PAs to get first hit in 2010; A's are hoping he can deliver some power.
C	Kurt Suzuki (R)	Should be a 15 HR, .270 hitter, but slumped badly last two years; he's expensive, too.
LF	Seth Smith (L)	Served as Eli Manning's backup at Ole Miss; has a chance to play everyday in Oakland.
1B	Daric Barton (L)	Hit zero homers in 280 PAs in the majors in '11; not good for a first baseman.
3B	Scott Sizemore (R)	He struck out 112 times in just 429 PAs in 2011 with Detroit and Oakland.
SS	Cliff Pennington (S)	Slick fielder with a cannon arm who will hit in the .260 range.

BENCH

1B/OF	Brandon Allen (L)	Hit .354 in first 13 games after July trade from Arizona, then .133 in last 28.
1B	Kila Ka'aihue (L)	Former Royal spent parts of four seasons at Triple-A, with a .412 OBP.
C	Anthony Recker (R)	Hit double-digit HRs every full season in the minors, including 16 in 345 ABs in 2011.
INF	Adam Rosales (R)	Probably the fastest HR trot in the majors; played five positions in 2011.

ROTATION

LH	Dallas Braden	Has eight wins and one shoulder surgery since May 2010 perfect game.
RH	Brandon McCarthy	Had a 3.32 ERA in '11 but better known for his cult following on Twitter (@BMcCarthy32).
RH	Bartolo Colon	Was out of the majors for a year but returned to throw 164.1 innings for the Yankees in 2011.
LH	Tom Milone	Not the most talented, but probably the most polished of the pitchers acquired this winter.
RH	Brad Peacock	Was 15-3 with a 2.39 and an 0.989 WHIP in minors with the Nationals' organization in 2011.

BULLPEN

LH	Brian Fuentes (Closer)	Established veteran will be trade bait in July; will be a major surprise if he lasts the season in Oakland.
RH	Grant Balfour	Fiery Australian is a dependable setup man who only gave up 44 hits in 62 innings in 2011.
RH	Joey Devine	Has the stuff to be a closer, and he might get a chance to prove it late this season.
RH	Fautino De Los Santos	Could help make the Nick Swisher trade look like one of Billy Beane's best.
RH	Ryan Cook	Power righty with some potential to be a set-up type reliever.
LH	Jerry Blevins	Has held left-handed batters to a .232 BA in his career.
RH	Tyson Ross	Definite major leaguer (2.75 ERA in limited duty last season) who could start or relieve in 2011.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The most interesting competition will be among the starting pitchers. If Dallas Braden isn't ready to go come opening day, there could be three spots open, behind Brandon McCarthy and Bartolo Colon. Tyson Ross, Graham Godfrey, Tom Milone, Brad Peacock and Jarrod Parker are all reasonable candidates, and it's a safe bet that all of them will start for the A's at some point in the season. At first base, Daric Barton probably gets the benefit of the doubt because of what he did in 2010, but Brandon Allen and Kila Ka'aihue will be there if he falters.

STATLINE



LOWEST SLG% BY 1st BASEMAN SINCE 2008

1. Daric Barton..... .367
2. Casey Kotchman396
3. James Loney412
4. Lyle Overbay422
5. Todd Helton..... .438
(min. 1,500 PAs while playing 1B)

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	SEA	SEA
8	KC	KC	KC	12	SEA	SEA
15	SEA	LAA	LAA	LAA	CLE	CLE
22	CLE	CWS	CWS	CWS	BAL	BAL
29	BAL	BOS				

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	TB	TOR	TOR	DET	DET	DET
13	DET	LAA	LAA	TEX	TEX	SF
20	SF	LAA	LAA	LAA	NYN	NYN
27	NYN	MIN	MIN	MIN		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
3	KC	TEX	TEX	TEX	ARI	ARI
10	ARI	COL	COL	COL	SD	SD
17	SD	LAD	LAD	LAD	SF	SF
24	SF	SEA	SEA	SEA	TEX	TEX

JULY

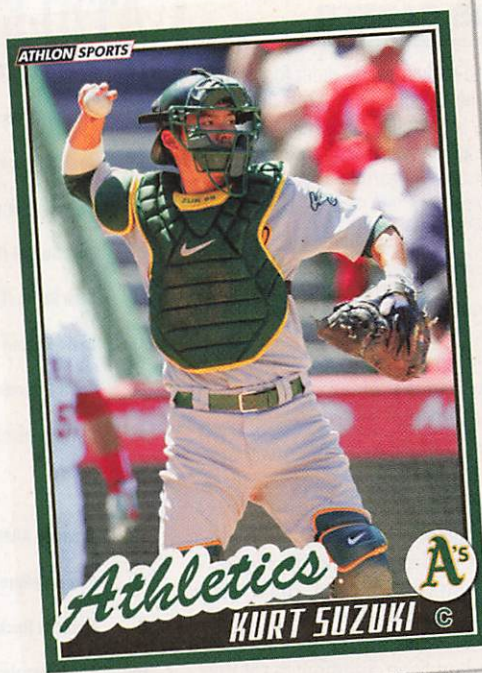
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15	MIN	TEX	TEX	TEX	NYN	NYN
22	NYN	TOR	TOR	TOR	BAL	BAL
29	BAL	TB	TB			

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	TOR	LAA	LAA	LAA	CWS	CWS
12	CWS	KC	KC	KC	CLE	CLE
19	CLE	MIN	MIN	MIN	TB	TB
26		CLE	CLE	CLE	BOS	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
2	BOS	LAA	LAA	LAA	SEA	SEA
9	SEA	LAA	LAA	LAA	BAL	BAL
16	BAL	DET	DET	DET	NYN	NYN
23	NYN	TEX	TEX	TEX	TEX	SEA
30	SEA	TEX	TEX	TEX		



DH/BENCH Whoever doesn't get the bulk of the playing time out of the first base jumble — Barton, Allen, Ka'aihue and Carter — is going to get a good crack at the DH spot. Carter, because he's the worst defensively and has the most potential to be an impact bat, is a good bet to see a lot of time at DH. If the A's are going to punt this season and look to the future, there's no reason not to let Carter (49 Triple-A homers the past two years) see what he can do. Adam Rosales is a handy utilityman to have around. He can play any infield position and the corner outfield spots.

MANAGEMENT When Beane hired Bob Melvin to replace Bob Geren last June, it marked the first time in his tenure as a GM that he'd hired a manager with any big league managerial experience. Perhaps it's a sign that Beane is yielding more power to his on-field boss. Melvin has been widely heralded by his players for his touch with a team,

but he's going to have a big job with this bunch. In any case, don't expect much pressure on Beane or Melvin this season. Ownership most likely understands exactly what's happening here. As long as Beane and Melvin can show some development among the young players, their jobs will be safe. Beane also owns a small piece of the club, so that never hurts.

FINAL ANALYSIS The A's have some pieces to have a passable pitching staff. Between the guys coming back and the prospects coming in, this team should be in the middle of the pack in pitching. The problem is going to be scoring runs. They didn't score much last year, and the guys who provided what little pop they had (like Josh Willingham and Hideki Matsui) are gone. The A's best offensive prospects (Choice and Green) are not likely to see the majors until late this season, at the earliest, so it's hard to imagine how this team is going to avoid being one of the lowest-scoring teams in the majors again. The A's have managed to win at least 74 games in the five seasons since their last playoff berth, and they'd probably be ecstatic to win that many this year. More likely they'll be fighting to crack 70 victories.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

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SNEAKING IN Jemile Weeks, who was just barely in the majors at the time, got a chance to experience the 2011 All-Star Game because his older brother Rickie, the Brewers' All-Star second baseman, put him down as his pitcher for the Home Run Derby. Jemile didn't actually throw to his big brother though. "It was a loophole to get him in the clubhouse," Rickie Weeks told the *San Francisco Chronicle*. "I wanted him to experience all this."

MUSICAL COACHES If you want job security, don't apply to be the A's bench coach. With Chip Hale taking over the job in 2012, the A's will be on their 11th bench coach in 12 seasons. The list: Ken Macha, Terry Francona, Chris Speier, Rene Lachemann, Bob Geren, Bob Schaefer, Don Wakamatsu, Tye Waller, Joel Skinner and Hale. Only Waller, in 2008 and '09, lasted two seasons. On the bright side, four of them went from the job to big league managing jobs: Macha and Geren promoted within the A's, Francona to Boston and Wakamatsu to Seattle.

PACKING IT ON Catcher Kurt Suzuki spent his winter trying to gain weight in order to keep himself strong enough for the rigors of catching 140 games. Suzuki said he was trying to gain 15 pounds by eat-

ing about 4,000 calories a day — that's double the amount for an average person. "You're training to play not just once a week, but every day," Suzuki told MLB.com. He hit a career-worst .237 in 2011.

DAD IN TOW Jerry Peacock, the father of A's newly acquired pitcher Brad Peacock, put in a lot of miles watching his son pitch over the past few years. The elder Peacock traveled around the Eastern half of the United States towing a lawn-mower trailer that he refashioned into mobile sleeping quarters. He put a bed, a TV and a portable toilet in the trailer. Apparently Jerry Peacock wanted to follow his son through the minor leagues, but he didn't want to impose by staying with him or getting a hotel. "He's crazy," Brad Peacock told the *Palm Beach Post*. "He sleeps in that thing. I have room for him, but he still won't stay with me. He just loves that trailer!"

TWO NEW HOMES? The A's have been on a well-documented quest for a new home in the Bay Area, but this winter they also announced they were negotiating to move their spring training home from Phoenix Municipal Stadium to HoHoKam Park in Mesa, which will be vacated when the Cubs move into their new park in Mesa in 2013.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK SONNY GRAY

Gray signed in July and immediately showed that he was on the fast track to the big leagues. The 5'11", 200-pound right-handed pitcher out of Vanderbilt made one appearance with the A's rookie league team in the Arizona League and five starts for Double-A Midland. In the hitter-friendly Texas League, Gray allowed just one run in 20 innings over five starts. He allowed 15 hits and six walks, striking out 18. Because he only pitched five games, it's still likely the A's would ticket him to at least begin the 2012 season at Double-A, but a good spring could vault him to Triple-A. Gray has drawn Roy Oswalt comparisons because of his stature, but he doesn't have quite the repertoire. The A's will give him a shot to be a starter, but at worst he should be a solid big league reliever, if not a closer.



2010 TOP PICK

Michael Choice, OF, Texas-Arlington The A's are desperate for power in the majors, and Choice (30 HRs at Class-A in '11) is their best power hitter in the system. He also can play a decent center fielder and draw some walks.

2009 TOP PICK

Grant Green, SS, USC The A's began teaching Green to play outfield last season at Double-A, but the jury is still out on whether he could handle it in the majors.

2008 TOP PICK

Jemile Weeks, 2B, Miami It didn't take long for Weeks to establish himself as a dynamic player last year in his rookie season. He has speed and can handle the bat.

2007 TOP PICK

James Simmons, RHP, UC Riverside Simmons was on the fast track, but injuries have dropped him on the A's prospect list. He has a 4.54 career ERA in the minors.

2006 TOP PICK

Trevor Cahill, RHP, Vista (Calif.) HS The A's got 96 starts with a 3.91 ERA out of Cahill before his 24th birthday, and then they traded him to Arizona.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

3B Yordy Cabrera (21) It didn't take him long to outgrow shortstop, but it's his bat the A's want to get to the big leagues.

RHP A.J. Cole (20) A high-ceiling arm, Cole was the most heralded prospect in the Gio Gonzalez trade.

OF Michael Taylor (26) Has gotten a taste of the bigs, but the A's want him to dominate AAA before he sticks in Oakland.

C Derek Norris (23) The best offensive prospect the A's got over the winter, with power and discipline.

3B Renato Nunez (17) One of the top hitters in Venezuela when the A's gave him \$2.2 million as a 16-year-old, Nunez is talented but a long way from the majors.

ATHLETICS ROSTER

General Manager: Billy Beane **Manager:** Bob Melvin **Coaches:** Chili Davis (hitting), Mike Gallego (third base), Chip Hale (bench), Rick Rodriguez (bullpen), Tye Waller (first base), Curt Young (pitching)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
49	Brett Anderson	L-L	6-4	233	2/1/88	OAKLAND	3-6	4.00	13	13	0	83.1	86	25	61
50	Grant Balfour	R-R	6-2	200	12/30/77	OAKLAND	5-2	2.47	62	0	2	62.0	44	20	59
						Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	1.0	2	1	0
13	Jerry Blevins	L-L	6-6	175	9/6/83	OAKLAND	0-0	2.86	26	0	0	28.1	24	14	26
						Sacramento (AAA)	2-0	4.85	27	0	0	29.2	25	7	35
51	Dallas Braden	L-L	6-1	185	8/13/83	OAKLAND	1-1	3.00	3	3	0	18.0	18	5	15
38	Andrew Carignan	R-R	5-11	233	7/23/86	OAKLAND	0-0	4.26	6	0	0	6.1	8	2	5
						Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	2.16	13	0	0	16.2	11	7	19
						Midland (AA)	0-0	3.18	11	0	3	11.1	10	3	15
						Stockton (A)	1-0	0.00	9	0	5	11.0	4	2	12
	Bartolo Colon	R-R	5-11	265	5/24/73	NEW YORK NL	8-10	4.00	29	26	0	164.1	172	40	135
48	Ryan Cook	R-R	6-2	217	6/30/87	ARIZONA	0-1	7.04	12	0	0	7.2	11	8	7
						Reno (AAA)	0-1	2.12	14	0	6	17.0	13	8	12
						Mobile (AA)	1-4	2.25	34	0	13	44.0	28	14	50
60	Fautino De Los Santos	R-R	6-2	225	2/15/86	OAKLAND	3-2	4.32	34	0	0	33.1	27	17	43
						Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	1.83	15	0	0	19.2	18	12	21
						Midland (AA)	0-0	2.89	8	0	3	9.1	8	4	15
33	Joey Devine	R-R	6-0	235	9/19/83	OAKLAND	1-1	3.52	26	0	0	23.0	18	11	20
						Sacramento (AAA)	4-0	4.24	23	0	3	23.1	15	9	35
67	Sean Doolittle	L-L	6-3	212	9/26/86	AZL Athletics (R)	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	1.0	0	1	2
65	Pedro Figueroa	L-L	6-0	214	11/23/85	AZL Athletics (R)	0-0	4.50	2	2	0	2.0	3	0	6
40	Brian Fuentes	L-L	6-4	230	8/9/75	OAKLAND	2-8	3.70	67	0	12	58.1	52	20	42
45	Graham Godfrey	R-R	6-3	204	8/9/84	OAKLAND	1-2	3.96	5	4	0	25.0	32	5	13
						Sacramento (AAA)	14-3	2.68	19	18	0	107.1	92	30	89
						Midland (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	4.0	3	1	6
32	Brandon McCarthy	R-R	6-7	200	7/7/83	OAKLAND	9-9	3.32	25	25	0	170.2	168	25	123
						Stockton (A)	1-0	0.00	2	2	0	10.0	7	0	8
57	Tom Milone	L-L	6-0	205	2/16/87	WASHINGTON	1-0	3.81	5	5	0	26.0	28	4	15
						Syracuse (AAA)	12-6	3.22	24	24	0	148.1	137	16	155
59	Jordan Norberto	L-L	6-0	195	12/8/86	OAKLAND	0-0	8.10	6	0	0	6.2	8	7	4
						Sacramento (AAA)	0-0	1.08	6	0	1	8.1	6	4	10
						Reno (AAA)	6-2	4.25	41	0	1	48.2	46	26	54
21	Jarrod Parker	R-R	6-1	195	11/24/88	ARIZONA	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	5.2	4	1	1
						Mobile (AA)	11-8	3.79	26	26	0	130.2	112	55	112
47	Brad Peacock	R-R	6-1	175	2/2/88	WASHINGTON	2-0	0.75	3	2	0	12.0	7	6	4
						Syracuse (AAA)	5-1	3.19	9	9	0	48.0	36	24	48
66	Tyson Ross	R-R	6-6	230	4/22/87	Harrisburg (AA)	10-2	2.01	16	14	0	98.2	62	23	129
						OAKLAND	3-3	2.75	9	6	0	36.0	33	13	24
						Sacramento (AAA)	3-2	7.61	9	9	0	36.2	52	22	34
						Stockton (A)	0-0	9.00	1	1	0	1.0	2	1	1
62	Neil Wagner	R-R	6-0	195	1/1/84	OAKLAND	0-0	7.20	6	0	0	5.0	6	3	4
						Sacramento (AAA)	2-1	3.10	22	0	2	29.0	27	10	34
						Midland (AA)	1-3	3.38	28	0	4	37.1	31	13	53
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
20	Josh Donaldson	R-R	6-0	221	12/8/85	Sacramento (AAA)	.261	115	444	79	116	17	70	51	100
72	Derek Norris	R-R	6-0	210	2/14/89	Harrisburg (AA)	.210	104	334	75	70	20	46	77	117
26	Anthony Recker	R-R	6-2	242	8/29/83	OAKLAND	.176	5	17	3	3	0	0	4	7
						Sacramento (AAA)	.287	99	345	61	99	16	48	56	81
8	Kurt Suzuki	R-R	5-11	196	10/4/83	OAKLAND	.237	134	460	54	109	14	44	38	64
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
31	Brandon Allen	L-R	6-2	235	2/12/86	OAKLAND	.205	41	146	18	30	3	11	11	55
						Sacramento (AAA)	.250	10	40	4	10	3	6	2	11
						ARIZONA	.172	11	29	5	5	3	7	7	13
						Reno (AAA)	.306	83	304	75	93	18	66	64	90
10	Daric Barton	L-R	6-0	204	8/16/85	OAKLAND	.212	67	236	27	50	0	21	39	47
						Sacramento (AAA)	.197	17	61	10	12	0	4	14	16
14	Adrian Cardenas	L-R	6-0	204	10/10/87	Sacramento (AAA)	.314	127	491	70	154	5	51	47	56
22	Chris Carter	R-R	6-4	244	12/18/86	OAKLAND	.136	15	44	2	6	0	0	2	20
						Sacramento (AAA)	.274	75	295	55	81	18	72	42	85
						Stockton (A)	.333	6	24	3	8	3	7	4	8
25	Kila Ka'aihue	L-R	6-4	235	3/29/84	KANSAS CITY	.195	23	82	6	16	2	6	12	26
						Omaha (AAA)	.272	95	323	43	88	11	65	57	81
2	Cliff Pennington	S-R	5-10	213	6/15/84	OAKLAND	.264	148	515	57	136	8	58	42	104
7	Adam Rosales	R-R	6-1	195	5/20/83	OAKLAND	.098	24	61	5	6	2	8	4	13
						Sacramento (AAA)	.265	40	147	23	39	3	22	13	32
29	Scott Sizemore	R-R	6-0	185	1/4/85	OAKLAND	.249	93	305	42	76	11	52	43	93
						Sacramento (AAA)	.267	9	30	11	8	1	3	12	4
						DETROIT	.222	17	63	8	14	0	4	10	19
						Toledo (AAA)	.408	23	76	17	31	2	15	12	19
28	Eric Sogard	L-R	5-10	188	5/22/86	OAKLAND	.200	27	70	7	14	2	4	4	13
						Sacramento (AAA)	.298	79	315	55	94	5	37	40	34
19	Jemile Weeks	S-R	5-9	161	1/26/87	OAKLAND	.303	97	406	50	123	2	36	21	62
						Sacramento (AAA)	.321	45	184	30	59	3	22	29	32
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO
12	Collin Cowgill	R-L	5-9	184	5/22/86	ARIZONA	.239	36	92	8	22	1	9	8	28
						Reno (AAA)	.354	98	395	95	140	13	70	51	63
4	Coco Crisp	S-R	5-10	185	11/1/79	OAKLAND	.264	136	531	69	140	8	54	41	65
64	Jermaine Mitchell	L-L	6-0	216	11/2/84	Sacramento (AAA)	.302	56	232	48	70	5	28	39	47
						Midland (AA)	.355	74	304	67	108	10	50	54	65
16	Josh Reddick	L-R	6-2	180	2/19/87	BOSTON	.280	87	254	41	71	7	28	19	50
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.230	52	191	37	44	14	36	33	39
7	Seth Smith	L-L	6-3	210	9/30/82	COLORADO	.284	147	476	67	135	15	59	46	93
23	Michael Taylor	R-R	6-5	256	12/19/85	OAKLAND	.200	11	30	4	6	1	1	5	11
						Sacramento (AAA)	.272	93	349	51	95	16	64	46	80



SEATTLE MARINERS

2012 PREDICTION

3RD

AL WEST

2011 RECORD

67-95

HOME: 39-45 ROAD: 28-50

TEAM STADIUM

Safeco Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

206-346-4000 47,116

TEAM WEBSITE

seattle.mariners.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR WIN TREND

2007	88	2nd
2008	61	4th
2009	85	3rd
2010	61	4th
2011	67	4th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ 2B Dustin Ackley



HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Felix Hernandez

BUY LOW ◇ 1B Justin Smoak

SELL HIGH ◇ OF Mike Carp

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ 2B Chone Figgins

IPO ◇ C/DH Jesus Montero

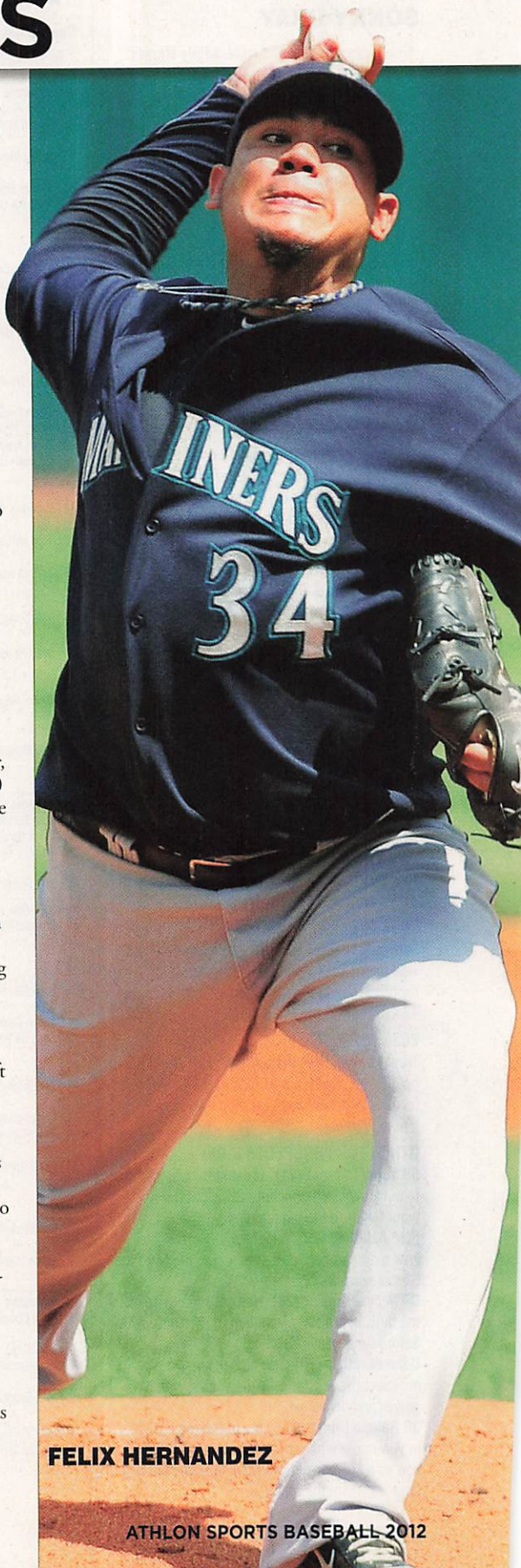
FUTURES MARKET ◇ SS Nick Franklin

INSIDER TIP ◇ The Michael Pineda-for-Montero shocker also yielded Hector Noesi, who is a quiet steal as a fantasy staff rounder-outer.

On the morning of July 6, 2011, the Mariners were 43-43 and two and a half games out of the AL West lead. Less than three weeks later, they were 43-60 and 15.5 games back. The 17-game losing streak came to define the Mariners' season, plunging them back into the same last-place abyss they had occupied in three of the previous five seasons. In the process, they reached new lows for offensive futility, posting franchise records for lowest batting average and most strikeouts. And despite bolstering their offense with the addition of Jesus Montero in a January trade, the Mariners are in danger of falling even further behind division rivals Los Angeles and Texas, both of which made significant moves over the winter. Despite small pockets of progress, and some promising young players, the Mariners appear to be nowhere close to contending any time soon.

ROTATION The Mariners split up one of the best young rotation duos in the game when they traded Michael Pineda to the Yankees for Montero, a slugging catcher/DH, in arguably the biggest deal of the offseason. They still have Felix Hernandez as the No. 1 starter, who remains one of the elite pitchers in the game despite a rather mediocre (by his lofty standards) season in 2011. Newcomer Hisashi Iwakumi, a righthander signed out of the Japanese league in January, could slide into the No. 2 spot vacated by Pineda. Iwakumi was 24 games over .500 in five seasons in Japan with a 1.130 WHIP. Lefty Jason Vargas is locked in as the No. 3 starter, while righthander Blake Beavan and lefty Charlie Furbush figure to settle into the final two spots. Vargas, in his second full season as a starter, went 10-13 with a 4.25 ERA. He has averaged just under 200 innings over the past two years. If one of the starters falters, the Mariners can look to young guns Danny Hultzen, Erasmo Ramirez and James Paxton to camp to step into the rotation. Hultzen, the No. 2 overall pick last June out of the University of Virginia, is quite polished for someone who has yet to throw his first pitch in the minors, but it remains doubtful that the Mariners would allow him to break camp with the big league club.

BULLPEN The December signing of George Sherrill satisfied two different bullpen needs for the Mariners — veteran leadership, and help from the left side. Though he was once a solid closer, Sherrill is pretty much used strictly as a left-handed specialist these days, something for which the Mariners had an acute need. Despite being the subject of trade rumors all winter, Brandon League is back as the Mariners' closer, coming off a solid 2011 that saw him named to his first All-Star team. The former Blue Jay saved 37 games in his first season as a closer. Tom Wilhelmson and Shawn Kelley are penciled in as right-handed set-up men, but Chance Ruffin, acquired in the Doug Fister deal with Detroit, has enormous back-end potential. He struck out 60 in 48.2 innings pitched in the minors last season. A pair of lefties signed to minor league deals, Sean Henn and Steve Garrison, could compete to join Sherrill as middle-relief options from the left side. Hector Noesi, acquired with Montero from the Yankees, can start or come out of the bullpen.



FELIX HERNANDEZ

DIFFERENCE MAKER FRANKLIN GUTIERREZ

Gutierrez has all the tools to be a superstar, including 25-steal speed, 20-homer power and defensive ability that rivals any center fielder in the game. At his best (such as during his breakthrough .283/.339/.425 season in 2009), the Mariners envision him as an everyday No. 2 hitter and an outfield wizard tracking down balls in the gaps. But a mysterious stomach ailment and a strained oblique muscle limited him to just 92 games in 2011 and contributed to a .224/.261/.273 line that had him among the game's worst offensive players.

MIDDLE INFIELD Picked one spot behind Stephen Strasburg in 2009, second baseman Dustin Ackley arrived in Seattle last June with tons of hype, and despite some stumbles he proved himself worthy. His 2011 numbers may not leap off the page (.273/.348/.417), but that is solid production at Safeco. He should get better in 2012, with a year under his belt, but it is a bit disconcerting that his OPS declined in every month of the 2011 season. Ackley's double-play partner once again will be the sure-gloved Brendan Ryan, who hit just .248/.313/.326 in 2011. But on this Mariners team, numbers like those practically qualify him as a middle-of-the-order force. He is far from this team's worst problem.

CORNERS First baseman Justin Smoak's first full year in the majors began with such promise — 12 homers by mid-June and an OPS that hovered in the mid-.800s until late June. But a thumb injury derailed him physically, and the death of his father brought untold mental anguish, and Smoak declined fast. He wound up hitting just .234/.323/.396. It goes without saying that an AL first baseman needs to do better than that. At third base, youngsters Kyle Seager and Alex Liddi, who looked solid down the stretch in 2011, will compete this spring for the regular job, with veteran Chone Figgins and his disastrous contract (which runs through 2013 with \$17 million still owed) on the bench. Figgins hit only .188 last season in 288 at-bats, almost 100 points below his career average.

OUTFIELD Ichiro Suzuki arrived on these shores in 2001 at the age of 27, and 10 years later looked as if he hadn't aged a day. But that changed over the course of the 2011 season, when Ichiro suddenly seemed to have added those 10 years all at once. His paltry .272/.310/.335 line — easily career-worst in all three — called into question his long-term future in Seattle (he is a free agent after the season). Of Ichiro's 1,733 games started, 1,720 of them have come out of the leadoff spot (the other 13 were all as the No. 3 hitter). But manager Eric Wedge has not committed to Suzuki as his leadoff hitter in 2012, after his career-low .310 OBP in 2011. On the other hand, the emergence of Mike Carp as an offensive force in the second half of 2011 — he hit 10 home runs in 212 at-bats after Aug. 1 — was arguably the team's best surprise of the year; he will likely split time between left field and designated hitter. In center field, former Gold Glover Franklin Gutierrez faces a pivotal year in which he has to do better at the plate than the anemic .224/.261/.273 he put up during an injury-plagued 2011.

CATCHING The Mariners pulled off a surprising trade in November that netted them catcher John Jaso (in exchange for young pitcher Josh Lueke), who is likely to join veteran Miguel Olivo in a platoon for 2012. Jaso, who hits from the left side, struggled at the plate for Tampa Bay in 2011, but he is

MARINERS

BATTING ORDER

RF Ichiro Suzuki (L)	If his acute 2011 decline doesn't turn around, his days at leadoff could be numbered.
SS Brendan Ryan (R)	Doesn't have the perfect No. 2 hitter skills, but he's the best of a lot of bad options.
2B Dustin Ackley (L)	Might be better as No. 2 hitter, but Mariners think he will become a big-time run-producer.
LF Mike Carp (L)	Batted .286/.325/.494 with 12 homers in second-half breakthrough in 2011.
DH Jesus Montero (R)	Too young to be a full-time DH, not polished enough to be a full-time catcher, but his bat is MLB-ready.
1B Justin Smoak (S)	Improved numbers across the board in second big league season; needs to improve even more in 2012.
3B Alex Liddi (R)	Mariners took a good look at him in September and liked what they saw.
C John Jaso (L)	Offensive numbers slipped in 2011, but he hits righthanders very well.
CF Franklin Gutierrez (R)	If healthy, he can be an offensive/defensive force, but at 2011 production he's a liability.

BENCH

INF Kyle Seager (L)	Could still win third base job after solid 2011; but if not, will fill in at 2B, SS and 3B.
C Miguel Olivo (R)	Ability to crush left-handed pitching makes him perfect platoon-mate for Jaso.
UT Chone Figgins (S)	\$36 million contract has been disaster, but could still salvage deal as super-utility man.
OF Casper Wells (R)	Has 15 homers, 44 RBIs in only 340 career plate appearances.

ROTATION

RH Felix Hernandez	With all he's accomplished, amazing to think he'll still be only 25 on Opening Day.
RH Hisashi Iwakumi	Went 107-69 in 222 games in Japan; won the Pacific League MVP in 2008 with a 21-4 record, 1.87 ERA.
LH Jason Vargas	Not the hardest thrower, but 10 wins, a 4.25 ERA and 201 innings for a bad team are impressive.
LH Charlie Furbursh	Went 3-7 with a 6.62 ERA in 11 games (10 starts) after coming over from Detroit last July.
RH Blake Beavan	Big (6'7") Texan pitched his way into rotation spot with impressive 2011 rookie year.

BULLPEN

RH Brandon League (Closer)	Key to All-Star 2011 season was his career-low walk rate (1.5 per nine innings).
RH Tom Wilhelmsen	Thrived in eighth-inning audition as 27-year-old rookie in 2011.
RH Shawn Kelley	Mariners hope 2009 standout is healthy again after two elbow surgeries.
LH George Sherrill	Former All-Star closer returns to Seattle as top lefty specialist.
LH Sean Henn	Veteran of parts of five big league seasons signed minor league free agent deal in November.
RH Chance Ruffin	Flamethrower has chance to be closer some day if he reins in his walks.
RH Hector Noesi	Came out of the pen 28 times for the Yankees in 2011 but could pitch his way into the rotation.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Third base will be where the action is, as Kyle Seager and Alex Liddi battle for the job vacated by Chone Figgins's acute nonproduction. There is even an outside chance the team could give the job to top prospect Vinnie Catricala, their Minor League Player of the Year in 2011. In left field, Mike Carp and Casper Wells are the top candidates. Wells is the better defensive player, Carp the better hitter. John Jaso figures to have the upper hand as the No. 1 catcher, but Miguel Olivo hit well last season, and the Mariners traded for Jesus Montero — the likely DH — in January.

STATLINE

LOWEST OPS BY 3RD BASEMAN SINCE 1920

1. Chone Figgins, 2011484
2. Dave Roberts, 1974..... .497
3. Ralph Miller, 1920512
4. Art Scharein, 1933513
5. Eddie Mayo, 1943523
(min. 300 PAs)



STATISTICIAN

- .640 Mariners' team OPS for 2011, second-lowest in the past 20 years (only the 2010 Mariners' was worse).
- 8 Seasons, among the past nine, that have seen a drop in attendance at Safeco Field.
- .484 Chone Figgins' OPS in 2011, lowest by any player (min. 300 PA) since 1989 (John Shelby, .466).
- 17 Dollar amount, in millions, the Mariners will pay Figgins in 2012 and 2013, when his four-year \$36 million contract ends.
- 722 Total innings pitched by Felix Hernandez from 2009-11, just 1.1 IP behind Roy Halladay for most in the majors during that span.
- .953 Dustin Ackley's OPS in June 2011. Unfortunately, his OPS fell in each successive month (.876 in July, .751 in August, .598 in September).

MARINERS SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	OAK	OAK
8	TEX	TEX	TEX	TEX	OAK	OAK
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
OAK	CLE	CLE	CLE	CWS	CWS	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CWS	DET	DET	DET	TOR	TOR	
29	30					
TOR	TB					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		TB	TB	TB	MIN	MIN
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
MIN	DET	DET	DET	NYN	NYN	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NYN	BOS	BOS	CLE	CLE	COL	COL
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
COL	TEX	TEX	LAA	LAA	LAA	
27	28	29	30	31		
LAA	TEX	TEX	TEX			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					CWS	CWS
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CWS	LAA	LAA	LAA	LAD	LAD	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
LAD	SD	SD	SD	SF	SF	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SF	ARI	ARI	ARI	SD	SD	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SD	OAK	OAK	OAK	BOS	BOS	BOS

JULY

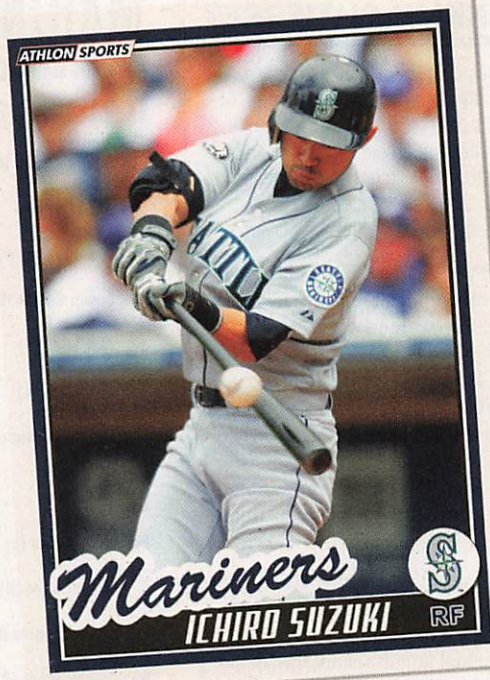
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BOS	BAL	BAL	BAL	OAK	OAK	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
OAK	ALL STARGAME 2012	TEX	TEX			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
TEX	KC	KC	KC	KC	TB	TB
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
TB	NYN	NYN	NYN	KC	KC	KC
29	30	31				
KC	TOR	TOR				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			TOR	NYN	NYN	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
NYN	BAL	BAL	BAL	LAA	LAA	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LAA	TB	TB	TB	MIN	MIN	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
MIN	CLE	CLE	CLE	CWS	CWS	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
CWS	MIN	MIN	MIN	LAA		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						LAA
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
LAA	BOS	BOS	BOS	OAK	OAK	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
OAK	TOR	TOR	TOR	TEX	TEX	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
TEX	BAL	BAL	BAL	TEX	TEX	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
TEX	LAA	LAA	LAA	OAK	OAK	
30	1	2	3			
OAK	LAA	LAA	LAA			



only two seasons removed from an impressive .263/.372/.378 year. Olivo, meantime, hit 19 homers for the Mariners in 2011, but his awful OBP (.253) and high strikeout rate (27.6 percent) put a serious drain on their offense. Montero will see the majority of his at bats as the DH unless he shows significant improvement defensively.

DH/BENCH The Mariners are hoping Montero will provide some much-needed pop in the middle of the lineup. He hit 18 home runs in 463 at bats in Triple-A last year before impressing during a September call-up with the Yankees. The Mariners got almost no production from the position in 2011, with their DHs posting a combined OPS of .650 for the year. Casper Wells will see time as the fourth outfielder — if he doesn't beat out Carp — but also figures to get some ABs as the DH. Seager, Liddi, the odd man out in the catching platoon, and Figgins will form the bulk of the bench.

MANAGEMENT General manager Jack Zduriencik brought impeccable player-development credentials with him when he took over in October 2008, but after a promising debut in 2009 he has now overseen back-to-back last-place finishes, and one can imagine that if his 2012 youth movement doesn't pan out, then his days at the helm of the Mariners could be numbered. Wedge received a vote of confidence of sorts when his entire coaching staff was preserved, despite a last-place finish in 2011. Clearly, the Mariners franchise could use some stability in management, but to earn that Zduriencik and Wedge will need to win.

FINAL ANALYSIS With plenty of talent and youth around the diamond and on the pitching staff, the Mariners should be better than a 95-loss team in 2012. You can certainly build around a core of Hernandez, Paxton, Hultzen, Carp, Smoak, Montero and Ackley. But the Mariners are stuck in the brutal American League West, and with the Angels loading up this winter (Albert Pujols and C.J. Wilson) and the two-time defending AL-champion Rangers still a force, a .500 record and a third-place finish would appear to be the outer limits of hope for the Mariners. And in a worst-case scenario, they could easily tumble back into a loss total in the 90s. There is little hope in the short term for this franchise.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

SEATTLE MARINERS

EARLY START The Mariners will open their season in Tokyo on March 28 against the Oakland A's, which means they will have a shorter spring training than most teams. It will be the fourth MLB opener in Japan, but the first involving the Mariners and their iconic Japanese native, Ichiro Suzuki.

DR DARREN Speedy outfielder Darren Ford, signed to a minor league free agent deal this winter, will be an interesting player to watch in camp. If he makes the club, it is likely to be in a "designated runner" role; in parts of two seasons with the Giants (2010-11), he appeared in 33 games, and in 20 of those appearances he entered as a pinch-runner.

CASPER THE GRAND Casper Wells, who came to the Mariners last July from Detroit in the Doug Fister trade, holds the distinction of being the only player to hit a grand slam off Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg in the latter's professional career. The slam occurred in the Arizona Fall League in October 2009.

KING FELIX THE UNLUCKY While most of Felix Hernandez's rate statistics in 2011 (walks, home runs and strikeouts per nine innings) were similar to those he posted during his Cy Young season of 2010, his ERA rose by more than one run, and his hits-per-nine-innings rate rose from 7.0 to 8.4. This could be explained by a significant rise in his opponents' BABIP (batting average on balls in play), which zoomed from a career-low .265 in 2010 to .308 in 2011, and is generally viewed in sabermetric circles as a result of luck.

TRAGIC LOSS The shocking murder of Mariners outfield prospect Greg Halman in his native Netherlands was a terrible blow to the franchise. Not only was the 24-year-old Halman a candidate to get significant playing time in 2012 (he appeared in 35 games in 2011), but he was also a personable young man who served as an ambassador of sorts for baseball in general, and the Mariners specifically, in Europe.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

DANNY HULTZEN

Holding the No. 2 overall pick in the 2011 draft, the Mariners went with perhaps the surest thing available. Hultzen, a University of Virginia product, is an extraordinarily polished left-handed pitcher — with a low-to-fastball, an excellent slider and a superb change-up — who was very nearly major league-ready by the time the Mariners signed him for \$8.5 million. As if to prove that point, the Mariners sent him to the Arizona Fall League, where he dominated in his six starts (1.40 ERA, 18 strikeouts and five walks in 19.1 innings). The Mariners will bring him to big league spring training camp, and will say he has a chance to crack their rotation, but don't be surprised if the team opts for the safe route by starting Hultzen at Double-A or Triple-A and calling him up at some point during the 2012 season.



2010 TOP PICK

Taijuan Walker, RHP, Yucaipa (Calif.) HS Top pitching prospect in organization, he dominated Low-A as 18-year-old; ceiling is higher than even Hultzen's.

2009 TOP PICK

Dustin Ackley, CF, North Carolina Drafted with second overall pick and switched to 2B in minors, he is now a big part of M's young, big league core.

2008 TOP PICK

Josh Fields, RHP, Georgia Closer prospect was struggling at Triple-A Tacoma when the Mariners traded him to Red Sox in the Erik Bedard deal in July.

2007 TOP PICK

Phillippe Aumont, RHP, Ecole du Versant, Quebec Sent to the Phillies in the Cliff Lee trade, he switched to relief in '11 and is now Phillies' closer of the future.

2006 TOP PICK

Brandon Morrow, RHP, California Traded to the Blue Jays in 2009 Brandon League deal, he is now a key part of Toronto's young starting rotation.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

LHP James Paxton (23) Fourth-rounder in 2010 will likely return to Double-A in 2012 but could see majors at some point.

INF Nick Franklin (21) 2009 first-rounder packs surprising power in small frame; will likely start 2012 at Double-A.

3B Francisco Martinez (21) Top prospect received in Doug Fister deal, Martinez will return to Double-A in 2012.

OF Guillermo Pimentel (19) Slugger has light-tower power; he'll likely begin 2012 at Low-A.

3B Vinnie Catricala (23) A 10th-rounder in 2009, he was M's Minor League Player of the Year in 2011; bat will play, not sure about glove.

MARINERS ROSTER

General Manager: Jack Zduriencik **Manager:** Eric Wedge **Coaches:** Mike Brumley (first base), Chris Chambliss (hitting), Jeff Datz (third base), Jaime Navarro (bullpen), Robby Thompson (bench), Carl Willis (pitching)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
49	Blake Beavan	R-R	6-7	240	1/7/89	SEATTLE	5-6	4.27	15	15	0	97.0	106	15	42	
35	Steve Delabar	R-R	6-5	220	7/17/83	Tacoma (AAA)	5-3	4.45	16	16	0	93.0	118	20	64	
						SEATTLE	1-1	2.57	6	0	0	7.0	5	4	7	
						Tacoma (AAA)	1-1	0.69	10	0	0	13.0	11	6	18	
						Jackson (AA)	1-3	2.05	23	0	12	30.2	23	26	30	
						High Desert (A)	1-1	4.38	7	0	3	12.1	12	8	20	
41	Charlie Furbush	L-L	6-5	215	4/11/86	SEATTLE	3-7	6.62	11	10	0	53.0	61	16	41	
	Steve Garrison	B-R	6-1	195	9/12/86	DETROIT	1-3	3.63	17	2	0	32.1	36	14	26	
						Toledo (AAA)	5-3	3.17	10	9	0	54.0	35	16	61	
						NEW YORK AL	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0.2	0	0	0	
						Trenton (AA)	4-8	5.95	17	16	0	75.2	102	20	46	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	3-2	2.79	43	0	3	61.1	55	29	61	
34	Sean Henn	R-L	6-3	235	4/23/81	SEATTLE	14-14	3.47	33	33	0	233.2	218	67	222	
	Felix Hernandez	R-R	6-3	230	4/8/86	Seattle	12-3	1.37	18	18	0	118.0	76	23	165	
						Virginia (NCAA)	6-7	2.42	17	17	0	119.0	106	19	90	
	Danny Hultzen	L-L	6-3	200	11/28/89	Rakuten (JPPL)	1-0	5.40	8	0	0	6.2	6	3	7	
	Hisashi Iwakuni	R-R			4/12/81	Tacoma (AAA)	5-4	4.06	43	0	1	71.0	71	35	81	
37	Cesar Jimenez	L-L	5-11	220	11/12/84	SEATTLE	0-0	0.00	10	0	0	12.2	7	3	10	
23	Shawn Kelley	R-R	6-2	220	4/26/84	Tacoma (AAA)	1-0	1.84	12	0	0	14.2	11	6	15	
						SEATTLE	0-1	0.00	3	2	0	3.0	4	0	3	
						Tacoma (AAA)	1-5	2.79	65	0	37	61.1	56	10	45	
						Huntsville (AA)	1-3	3.13	46	1	3	69.0	63	23	69	
						Jackson (AA)	0-1	4.68	4	4	0	25.0	23	9	17	
43	Brandon League	R-R	6-2	210	3/16/83	High Desert (A)	1-13	6.50	20	19	0	101.0	139	38	73	
	Lucas Luetge	L-L	6-4	203	3/4/87	NEW YORK AL	2-2	4.47	30	2	0	56.1	63	22	45	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	1-1	3.28	6	5	0	24.2	28	9	11	
74	Yoervis Medina	R-R	6-3	245	7/27/88	Jackson (AA)	3-0	1.85	7	7	0	39.0	28	13	51	
64	Hector Noesi	R-R	6-3	200	1/26/87	Clinton (A)	3-3	2.73	10	10	0	56.0	45	30	80	
						Jackson (AA)	7-6	4.73	19	19	0	110.1	127	19	81	
						Tacoma (AAA)	3-2	5.10	7	7	0	42.1	51	13	35	
						Tacoma (AAA)	1-2	8.74	4	4	0	11.1	7	14	8	
						SEATTLE	1-0	3.86	13	0	0	14.0	13	9	15	
67	Mauricio Robles	R-R	6-1	195	9/8/88	DETROIT	0-0	4.91	2	0	0	3.2	5	0	3	
						Toledo (AAA)	0-0	1.84	13	0	9	14.2	14	6	17	
						Erie (AA)	3-3	2.12	31	0	10	34.0	23	16	43	
						ATLANTA	3-1	3.00	51	0	0	36.0	33	12	38	
						SEATTLE	10-13	4.25	32	32	0	201.0	205	59	131	
52	Chance Ruffin	R-R	6-6	220	12/16/83	SEATTLE	2-0	3.31	25	0	0	32.2	25	13	30	
						Jackson (AA)	4-5	5.49	14	12	0	60.2	66	26	40	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
5	Chris Gimenez	R-R	6-2	220	12/27/82	SEATTLE	.203	24	59	6	12	1	6	10	13	0
	John Jaso	L-R	6-2	205	9/19/83	Tacoma (AAA)	.265	13	49	8	13	1	4	7	13	0
						TAMPA BAY	.224	89	246	26	55	5	27	25	36	1
						Durham (AAA)	.300	6	20	2	6	0	4	2	3	0
63	Jesus Montero	R-R	6-3	235	11/28/89	NEW YORK AL	.328	18	61	9	20	4	12	7	17	0
	Adam Moore	R-R	6-3	220	5/8/84	Scranton/WB (AAA)	.288	109	420	52	121	18	67	36	98	0
						SEATTLE	.167	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
30	Miguel Olivo	R-R	6-0	230	7/15/78	SEATTLE	.224	130	477	54	107	19	62	20	140	6
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
13	Dustin Ackley	L-R	6-1	190	2/26/88	SEATTLE	.273	90	333	39	91	6	36	40	79	6
9	Chone Figgins	S-R	5-8	180	1/22/78	Tacoma (AAA)	.303	66	271	57	82	9	35	55	38	7
						SEATTLE	.188	81	288	24	54	1	15	21	42	11
						SEATTLE	.225	15	40	7	9	3	6	3	17	1
						Tacoma (AAA)	.259	138	559	121	145	30	104	61	170	5
						Jackson (AA)	.310	33	129	20	40	3	23	4	24	3
16	Alex Liddi	R-R	6-4	230	8/14/88	Erie (AA)	.282	91	348	63	98	7	46	19	80	7
26	Brendan Ryan	R-R	6-2	195	3/26/82	SEATTLE	.248	123	436	51	108	3	39	34	87	13
						SEATTLE	.258	53	182	22	47	3	13	13	36	3
						Tacoma (AAA)	.387	24	106	24	41	3	17	11	12	3
						Jackson (AA)	.312	66	266	33	83	4	37	26	38	8
						SEATTLE	.234	123	427	38	100	15	55	55	105	0
17	Justin Smoak	S-L	6-4	225	12/5/86	Tacoma (AAA)	.279	27	111	7	31	0	10	2	17	1
	Carols Triunfel	R-R	5-11	200	2/27/90	Jackson (AA)	.281	105	395	45	111	6	35	25	71	5
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
20	Mike Carp	L-R	6-2	210	6/30/86	SEATTLE	.276	79	290	27	80	12	46	19	81	0
70	Johermyn Chavez	R-R	6-3	225	1/26/89	Tacoma (AAA)	.343	66	251	55	86	21	64	28	50	6
						Jackson (AA)	.216	126	439	47	95	13	50	49	124	6
						Jackson (AA)	.208	32	130	11	27	0	10	6	30	1
						Portland (AA)	.340	88	321	68	109	18	76	25	61	6
						SAN FRANCISCO	.286	26	14	7	4	0	0	1	5	7
	Darren Ford	R-R	5-9	188	10/1/85	Fresno (AAA)	.211	18	71	10	15	2	7	4	23	10
						Richmond (AA)	.279	23	86	11	24	0	2	9	24	6
						AZL Giants (R)	.375	8	24	9	9	2	6	6	4	2
						SEATTLE	.224	92	322	26	72	1	19	16	56	13
						Tacoma (AAA)	.275	11	40	7	11	0	6	6	7	0
8	Carlos Peguero	L-L	6-5	245	2/22/87	SEATTLE	.196	46	143	14	28	6	19	8	54	0
12	Trayvon Robinson	S-R	5-10	201	9/1/87	Tacoma (AAA)	.317	57	240	44	76	13	47	15	82	8
						SEATTLE	.210	44	143	12	30	2	14	8	61	1
						Tacoma (AAA)	.111	3	9	1	1	0	0	3	4	1
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.293	100	368	70	108	26	71	45	122	8
						SEATTLE	.149	58	161	16	24	2	8	12	56	6
55	Michael Saunders	L-R	6-4	215	11/19/86	Tacoma (AAA)	.288	64	236	51	68	7	38	50	71	10
51	Ichiro Suzuki	L-R	5-11	172	10/22/73	SEATTLE	.272	161	677	80	184	5	47	39	69	40
33	Casper Wells	R-R	6-2	210	11/23/84	SEATTLE	.216	31	102	14	22	7	15	9	42	2
	Mike Wilson	R-R	6-2	245	6/29/83	DETROIT	.257	64	113	16	29	4	12	9	29	1
						Toledo (AAA)	.370	7	27	4	10	2	6	3	8	0
						SEATTLE	.148	8	27	0	4	0	3	1	7	0
						Tacoma (AAA)	.331	87	335	73	111	16	49	45	86	5



TEXAS RANGERS

**2012
PREDICTION**

1ST

AL WEST

**2011
RECORD**
96-66

HOME: 52-29 ROAD: 44-37

TEAM STADIUM
Rangers Ballpark in Arlington

TICKETS CAPACITY
817-273-5100 49,115

TEAM WEBSITE
texas.rangers.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	75	3rd
2008	79	2nd
2009	87	2nd
2010	90	1st
2011	96	1st

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ OF Josh Hamilton

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Derek Holland



BUY LOW ♦ RP Joe Nathan

SELL HIGH ♦ RP Alexi Ogando

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ 1B Mitch Moreland

IPO ♦ OF Leonys Martin

FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Martin Perez

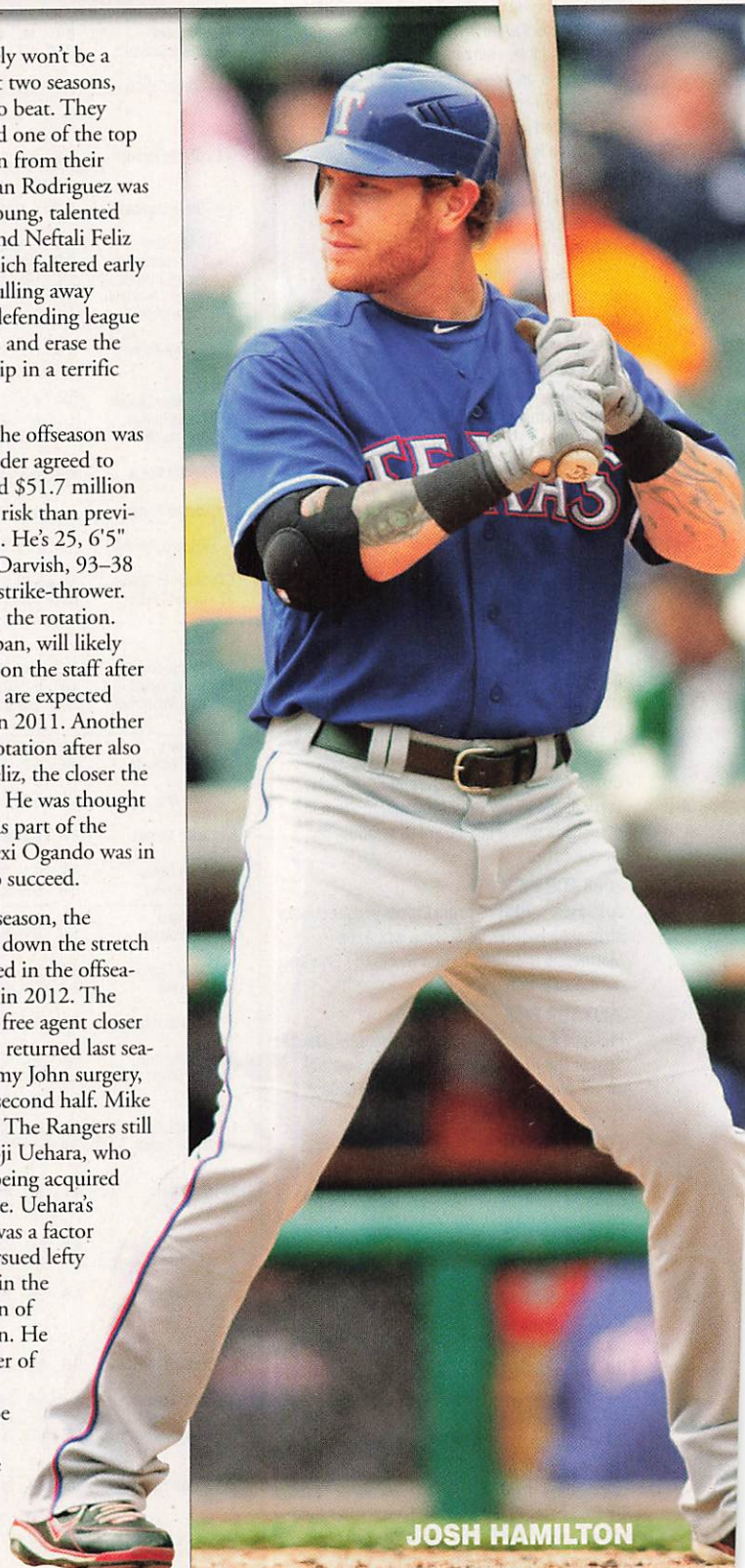
INSIDER TIP ♦ The rotation is set up for some regression. Holland excepted, all (including Yu Darvish) will be roto-verted in the spring.

The American League West race likely won't be a runaway in 2012, as it was the past two seasons, but the Rangers remain the team to beat. They have the best infield in baseball and one of the top outfields. They received production from their catchers in 2011 that they hadn't had since Ivan Rodriguez was in his prime. All that offense overshadows a young, talented rotation — which now includes Yu Darvish and Neftali Feliz — and some stingy relievers. The bullpen, which faltered early last season and prevented the Rangers from pulling away sooner, is one of the AL's best. The two-time defending league champions have a chance to be better in 2012 and erase the sting of missing out on their first championship in a terrific World Series against St. Louis.

ROTATION The biggest pitching story of the offseason was the Rangers' pursuit of Darvish. The righthander agreed to terms in January after the Rangers bid a record \$51.7 million for the posting fee. Darvish is seen as less of a risk than previous Japanese pitchers who came to the majors. He's 25, 6'5" and has a fastball that clocks in the mid-90s. Darvish, 93-38 with a 1.99 ERA in Japan, is also a premium strike-thrower. While Darvish has ace potential, he won't top the rotation. Colby Lewis, who resurrected his career in Japan, will likely get the Opening Day nod as the lone veteran on the staff after C.J. Wilson jumped to the Angels. Big things are expected from Derek Holland after he won 16 games in 2011. Another lefthander, Matt Harrison, should be in the rotation after also breaking through last season with 14 wins. Feliz, the closer the past two seasons, is the most intriguing piece. He was thought to be a No. 1 starter when acquired in 2007 as part of the Mark Teixeira haul. Feliz will be paced, as Alexi Ogando was in 2011, but the Rangers expect him to succeed.

BULLPEN A weakness early last season, the Rangers' bullpen became a strength down the stretch and in the playoffs. The team worked in the offseason to make sure there are no holes in 2012. The biggest move was the acquisition of free agent closer Joe Nathan to replace Feliz. Nathan returned last season after missing 2010 due to Tommy John surgery, and he hit his stride in the season's second half. Mike Adams will work the eighth inning. The Rangers still have high hopes for righthander Koji Uehara, who struggled last season in Texas after being acquired from Baltimore at the trade deadline. Uehara's ability to retire left-handed hitters was a factor in how aggressively the Rangers pursued lefty relief help. With Feliz and Darvish in the rotation, the Rangers had the option of moving Ogando back to the bullpen. He was an All-Star last year as a member of the rotation, but he showed in the postseason how effective he could be as a shutdown reliever. Scott Feldman, another starter, was a valuable late-season piece as a long man and spot starter.

MIDDLE INFIELD Second baseman Ian Kinsler, a two-time 30-30 man, and shortstop Elvis Andrus excel in all facets of the game and rate as two of the most excit-



JOSH HAMILTON

DIFFERENCE MAKER **YU DARVISH**

Darvish rates as the biggest addition to a pitching staff that was given a facelift in the offseason. While Neftali Feliz will jump from closer to starter, and veteran Joe Nathan is at the back of the bullpen, Darvish is expected to jump from Japan to the front of the rotation. The Rangers didn't take a blind stab at Darvish, who had a 1.44 ERA in 2011 in Nippon Professional Baseball. Instead, their attempted acquisition of the righthander was three years in the making. They see a future ace and a pitcher who will make an impact in his first season.

ing players in the game. The Rangers like Kinsler's pop and knowledge of the strike zone atop the lineup. He finished with a team-high 89 walks and a .355 on-base percentage that helped offset a .255 batting average. Andrus, meanwhile, has hit ninth, first and second in his first three seasons, and has swiped at least 30 bases each year. But it's not just the steals that make him and Kinsler so good on the bases. They both get terrific reads on balls put into play and go from first to third as well as anyone. Andrus is known as much for his glove as his legs. Though he committed a league-high (for a shortstop) 25 errors, he played the final 33 games without one. Many of his errors were on balls that average shortstops never reach. Kinsler's 11 errors were second-most (among second basemen) in the league, but his .850 zone rating was second-best.

CORNERS Adrian Beltre exceeded expectations in his first year, even though he missed all of August with a hamstring injury. He hit for power (32 homers) and average (.296) while playing Gold Glove defense at third base, all of which helped him shake the label that he performs only in a contract year. Beltre's biggest impact was in the field. He was an instant upgrade over predecessors Michael Young and Hank Blalock, and he and Andrus combine to give the Rangers the best defensive left side of any infield in baseball. Across the diamond, though, first baseman Mitch Moreland enters 2012 dogged by doubts. He started 2011 well, hitting .300 the first two months. But an injured right wrist affected his swing in the second half, and he lost out on playing time. The Rangers were believed to be suitors for Prince Fielder at various times in the offseason, but they were hoping that surgery would have Moreland ready to make an impact in 2012. Young and Mike Napoli will also see time at first.

OUTFIELD Talent isn't an issue, but avoiding the disabled list has been a problem. Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz combined for 54 homers and 181 RBIs in 2011 even though Hamilton was down for more than a month early in the season and Cruz had two DL stints. Hamilton, who can be a free agent after the season, will play primarily in left field to keep his body fresh. Cruz, who saw David Freese's two-out, two-strike drive sail over his head to tie Game 6 of the World Series, has a big arm in right field. Julio Borbon, Craig Gentry and Leonys Martin will compete for time in an unsettled center field. Hamilton could become the regular there if no one distinguishes himself during spring training, and fourth outfielder David Murphy would become the left fielder. That's the alignment that has prevailed the past two postseasons.

CATCHING Napoli developed into an all-around force, hitting for average and shedding the tag he acquired in Anaheim as a poor defensive catcher. He had always hit for power, but a torrid second half (.383) pushed his final average to .320. He fell 70 plate appearances short of qualifying for league-leader

STATISTICIAN

- 0 Postseason victories last year, in five starts, by staff ace C.J. Wilson.
- 2 Consecutive seasons in which the Rangers have led MLB in batting average.
- 5 Leads the Rangers surrendered to St. Louis in Game 6 of the World Series, including two-run leads in the ninth and 10th innings. The Rangers were one strike away on two occasions from winning their first world title.
- 3.19 Road ERA, the lowest in the AL by nearly half a run, by the Rangers.
- 40 Victories, in 57 games, by the Rangers against American League West teams. None of the other three West teams finished above .500 against the division.
- 54 Career minor league starts for Neftali Feliz, who has been moved into the starting rotation after two seasons as the closer.
- 114 Errors committed by the Rangers, third-most in the American League ahead of only Oakland (124) and Minnesota (119).

RANGERS

BATTING ORDER

2B Ian Kinsler (R)	Turned back critics of his .255 batting average with 32 home runs, 30 steals and a team-high 89 walks.
SS Elvis Andrus (R)	Ability to hit-and-run, bunt and steal bases makes him a table-setter for the middle of the lineup.
LF Josh Hamilton (L)	The 2010 MVP missed 36 games with an early-season arm injury but finished with 25 homers and 94 RBIs.
3B Adrian Beltre (R)	Had MVP-type numbers (.296 AVG, 32 HRs, 105 RBIs) despite missing 37 games; wowed with the glove.
RF Nelson Cruz (R)	Two stints on the DL prevented this slugger from hitting 30 homers, but he drove in a career-high 87 runs.
DH Michael Young (R)	His first season primarily as DH resulted in 213 hits (tied for the MLB lead) and a career-high 106 RBIs.
C Mike Napoli (R)	Acquired to bash lefthanders, Napoli was an all-around force at the plate and a pleasant surprise defensively.
1B Mitch Moreland (L)	The Rangers are hoping that an injured right wrist is behind him.
CF Julio Borbon (L)	Has been the Opening Day starter the past two seasons but hasn't lasted.

BENCH

OF David Murphy (L)	One of the best extra outfielders in the game typically gets off to a slow start before finishing strong.
C Yorvit Torrealba (R)	Will see plenty of playing time as the Rangers try to limit their catchers' exposure to the Texas heat.
OF Craig Gentry (R)	The fastest player on the team is also the best defensive outfielder, and he made strides in 2011 at the plate.
INF Alberto Gonzalez (R)	The search for a steady hand to serve as a backup shortstop could end with Gonzalez.

ROTATION

RH Colby Lewis	Has registered consecutive 200-inning seasons and rates as the veteran leader of a young starting crop.
LH Derek Holland	A breakthrough 16-5 season and a near-shutout in Game 4 of the World Series has raised expectations.
RH Yu Darvish	All eyes will be on the Japanese superstar, who could wind up as a staff ace for several seasons to come.
RH Neftali Feliz	A reliever in his two-plus big league seasons, Feliz was groomed as a starter in minors and has ace potential.
LH Matt Harrison	It's not often that a 14-game winner has to prove himself, but he'll have to win a spot in spring training.

BULLPEN

RH Joe Nathan (Closer)	Second half in Minnesota gave the Rangers confidence that he has recovered from Tommy John surgery.
RH Mike Adams	A top set-up man, Adams will be the primary eighth-inning reliever in his first full season with the Rangers.
RH Alexi Ogando	Though an All-Star starter in 2011, Ogando goes to the bullpen role he excelled in during the postseason.
RH Koji Uehara	The Rangers are looking past the rough two final months of 2011 and expect him to be a key contributor.
RH Mark Lowe	No one questions the arm and the stuff, but he suffered periods of inconsistency throughout 2011.
RH Scott Feldman	Though he prefers starting, Feldman proved to be a valuable piece as a long man and spot starter.
LH Michael Kirkman	Lefties batted .214 vs. the 2005 fifth-round pick during his stint with the Rangers in 2011.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Julio Borbon has been the Opening Day center fielder the past two years, but is guaranteed nothing, as a three-man field will enter spring training vying for the Opening Day roster. Borbon is in the mix with Craig Gentry and Leonys Martin, the Cuban defector who is expected to be the regular center fielder at some point. But Martin played only 73 minor league games last year while adapting to the rigors of pro baseball, and is facing the likelihood of starting 2012 at Triple-A Round Rock. Borbon and Gentry will likely emerge from Arizona in a platoon until Martin is deemed ready.

STATLINE



FEWEST ABs PER RBI, 2011

1. Adrian Beltre, Rangers 4.64
2. Prince Fielder, Brewers ... 4.74
3. Matt Kemp, Dodgers 4.78
4. Ryan Howard, Phillies 4.80
5. Evan Longoria, Rays 4.88

RANGERS SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	CWS	CWS
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CWS	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	MIN	MIN
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
MIN	BOS	BOS	DET	DET	DET	DET
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
DET	NYN	NYN	NYN	TB	TB	TB
29	30					
TB	TOR					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	CLE	CLE
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CLE	BAL	BAL	BAL	BAL	LAA	LAA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
LAA	KC	KC	OAK	OAK	HOU	HOU
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
HOU	SEA	SEA	SEA	TOR	TOR	TOR
27	28	29	30	31		
TOR	SEA	SEA	SEA			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
LAA	OAK	OAK	OAK	SF	SF	SF
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SF	ARI	ARI	ARI	HOU	HOU	HOU
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
HOU	SD	SD	SD	COL	COL	COL
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
COL	DET	DET	DET	OAK	OAK	OAK

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
OAK	CWS	CWS	CWS	MIN	MIN	MIN
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
MIN	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA	SEA
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SEA	OAK	OAK	OAK	LAA	LAA	LAA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
LAA	BOS	BOS	BOS	CWS	CWS	CWS
29	30	31				
CWS	LAA	LAA				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
KC	BOS	BOS	BOS	DET	DET	DET
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
DET	NYN	NYN	NYN	TOR	TOR	TOR
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
TOR	BAL	BAL	BAL	MIN	MIN	MIN
26	27	28	29	30	31	
MIN	TB	TB	TB	CLE		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CLE	KC	KC	KC	KC	TB	TB
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
TB	CLE	CLE	CLE	SEA	SEA	SEA
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
SEA	LAA	LAA	LAA	SEA	SEA	SEA
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
SEA	OAK	OAK	OAK	LAA	LAA	LAA
31	OAK	OAK	OAK			



status, but was sixth in average, third in on-base percentage (.414) and first in slugging percentage (.631) among players with 400 plate appearances. Napoli also earned the trust of the pitching staff and threw out base runners at a far better rate than the Rangers had expected. The offense-defense combination made him the No. 1 catcher down the stretch and in the playoffs. Yorvit Torrealba won't be glued to the bench. He caught a team-high 98 games in 2011, hitting .273 and throwing out 32.5 percent of attempted base-stealers. He will catch at least twice a week as the Rangers monitor the wear and tear of the Texas heat on their backstops.

DH/BENCH Young will play first, second and third base again this season, but most of his time will be spent as a designated hitter. He adapted quickly to the role after being a regular in the field over his first 10 seasons, and finished up at .338 with 106 RBIs and 213 hits.

Murphy is the team's best pinch-hit-

ter when he isn't filling in for an injured outfielder, but the Rangers don't call on their bench often. Torrealba has pinch-hitting experience from his days in the National League, but he is only 1-for-27 lifetime.

MANAGEMENT Ron Washington has seen his record improve each of the past four seasons since he took over as manager in 2007. The Rangers play hard for him because of his enthusiasm and loyalty to the players. Highly regarded pitching coach Mike Maddux turned down two chances to become a manager during the offseason and will return to Texas. General manager Jon Daniels isn't afraid to make midseason acquisitions to bolster the roster, and he's attempting to keep a talented core together for the long haul.

FINAL ANALYSIS A third AL West title is within the Rangers' grasp. The division got tougher when the Angels snagged Albert Pujols and C.J. Wilson, but the Rangers didn't go quietly through the offseason. Darvish and Feliz ooze talent and will fortify the rotation despite Wilson's departure. The Rangers' offense might be the most dynamic in baseball. With the bullpen built to avoid the early-season woes it encountered in 2011, the Rangers enter this season as the team to beat in the AL West.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

TEXAS RANGERS

3 FOR 30 Three players finished with at least 30 homers for the Rangers, the most in the majors. Mike Napoli hit the mark on his final swing of the season, joining Adrian Beltre (32) and Ian Kinsler (32). The next batter, Nelson Cruz, made a bid for No. 30, but his deep drive was caught at the left-field wall at Angel Stadium.

30-30 ... AGAIN Kinsler joined the 30-30 Club for the second time in his career. He became the 12th player in major league history with multiple 30-30 seasons, and is one of three second basemen all-time with a 30-30 campaign (Alfonso Soriano and Brandon Phillips).

HOT START The Rangers won nine of their first 10 en route to a 16-11 mark in April. It was the club's first winning April in manager Ron Washington's five-year tenure. They went 13-15 in May for their only losing month of the season.

WINNER Washington passed Buck Showalter last season for third place in all-time wins by a Rangers

skipper. Washington, who has 427 wins, should pass Johnny Oates (506) in 2012 and could catch Bobby Valentine (581) in 2013. Washington's .527 winning percentage is a club record for managers with at least two full seasons.

GOOD DADS Colby Lewis became the first player in the majors to land on the Paternity Leave List, implemented last season, when he left the team for the April 13 birth of his daughter. Kinsler took advantage of the list when his son was born June 8, and Alexi Ogando did so as well Aug. 6 to see his daughter born.

INSIDE JOB Craig Gentry raced around the bases Sept. 23 to register an inside-the-park homer that also counted as his first big league homer. While it might seem unusual for a first career homer to not fly over the outfield wall, Gentry was one of three players who accomplished it in 2011. He joined fellow outfielders Tony Campana (Cubs, Aug. 5) and Jose Altuve (Astros, Aug. 20).

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK KEVIN MATTHEWS

Picking toward the bottom of the first round for the first time in several seasons, the Rangers sought value with the 33rd overall pick in the 2011 draft. They identified Matthews, a left-hander considered to be the best prep pitcher in Georgia. Matthews throws strikes and has good off-speed pitches to complement a fast-ball that has touched 94 mph but typically hovers between 89-91 mph. The Rangers encouraged him to work on a changeup after reporting to the Arizona Rookie League, and he used it over eight starts between Arizona and Spokane in the short-season Northwest League. Armed with plenty of talent, the Rangers won't rush the 19-year-old Matthews. He reminds scouts of Robbie Ross, Kasey Kiker and Robbie Erlin, lefthanders drafted by the Rangers who also had good makeup and a lot of upside.



2010 TOP PICK

Jacob Skole, OF, Blessed Trinity (Ga.) HS

The two-sport prep star from Georgia spent his first full professional season hitting .264 with a .366 on-base percentage at Low-A Hickory.

2009 TOP PICK

Tanner Scheppers, RHP, Fresno State The 44th overall pick, Scheppers battled injuries in 2011 but remains a top prospect. His future, though, appears to be as a reliever.

2008 TOP PICK

Justin Smoak, 1B, South Carolina The centerpiece of the Cliff Lee trade in 2010 is part of the young core of players trying to break through in Seattle.

2007 TOP PICK

Blake Beavan, RHP, Irving (Texas) HS Also part of the Lee trade, Beavan debuted in 2011. His best outing was Sept. 16, as he beat the Rangers with eight scoreless innings.

2006 TOP PICK

Kasey Kiker, LHP, Russell County (Ala.) HS A second straight season of injuries and lousy numbers led the Rangers to release the 12th overall pick in December.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

SS Jurickson Profar (19) Named the South Atlantic League's top player in his first full pro season. He can do it all.

LHP Martin Perez (20) He reached Triple-A last season, but had a tough go of it. Could debut in 2012 as a reliever.

CF Leonys Martin (24) The Cuban defector tasted the majors late last season. A good spring could keep him there.

3B Mike Olt (23) A broken collarbone robbed him of a big season, but he came back to hit 13 homers in the Arizona Fall League.

LHP Robbie Ross (22) The Pitcher of the Year in the Carolina League finished 2011 in the Texas League with Double-A Frisco.

RANGERS ROSTER

General Manager: Jon Daniels **Manager:** Ron Washington **Coaches:** Dave Anderson (third base), Scott Coolbaugh (batting), Andy Hawkins (bullpen), Mike Maddux (pitching), Jackie Moore (bench), Gary Pettis (first base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
37	Mike Adams	R-R	6-5	193	7/29/78	TEXAS	2-3	2.10	27	0	1	25.2	18	5	25	
	Jake Brigham	R-R	6-3	210	2/10/88	SAN DIEGO	3-1	1.13	48	0	1	48.0	26	9	49	
	Yu Darvish	R-R	6-5	185	8/16/86	Frisco (AA)	6-6	4.49	35	14	0	114.1	107	55	114	
61	Miguel De Los Santos	L-L	6-1	170	7/10/88	Nippon Ham (Japan)	18-6	1.44	28	28	0	232.0	156	36	276	
						Frisco (AA)	1-3	8.04	6	6	0	28.0	27	17	38	
						Myrtle Beach (A)	6-3	3.82	13	12	0	63.2	46	28	97	
						AZL Rangers (R)	0-0	3.00	1	1	0	3.0	4	1	7	
50	Cody Eppley	R-R	6-5	205	10/8/85	TEXAS	1-1	8.00	10	0	0	9.0	11	5	6	
						Round Rock (AAA)	4-2	3.90	43	0	10	55.1	51	34	55	
39	Scott Feldman	L-R	6-7	230	2/7/83	TEXAS	2-1	3.94	11	2	0	32.0	25	10	22	
						Round Rock (AAA)	2-1	4.43	8	8	0	40.2	48	9	24	
						Frisco (AA)	1-0	3.00	2	2	0	9.0	5	2	8	
30	Neftali Feliz	R-R	6-3	215	5/2/88	TEXAS	2-3	2.74	64	0	32	62.1	42	30	54	
						Frisco (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.0	1	0	3	
62	Wilmer Font	R-R	6-4	210	5/24/90	INJURED—Missed Season										
51	Mike Gonzalez	L-L	6-2	215	5/23/78	BALTIMORE	2-2	4.27	49	0	1	46.1	46	18	46	
						TEXAS	0-0	5.14	7	0	0	7.0	5	3	5	
58	Mark Hamburger	R-R	6-4	195	2/5/87	TEXAS	1-0	4.50	5	0	0	8.0	5	3	6	
						Round Rock (AAA)	7-4	3.88	31	4	0	62.2	54	20	48	
						Frisco (AA)	1-0	1.83	11	0	4	19.2	11	5	22	
54	Matt Harrison	L-L	6-4	240	9/16/85	TEXAS	14-9	3.39	31	30	0	185.2	180	57	126	
45	Derek Holland	S-L	6-2	193	10/9/86	TEXAS	16-5	3.95	32	32	0	198.0	201	67	162	
44	Michael Kirkman	L-L	6-4	195	9/18/86	TEXAS	1-1	6.59	15	0	0	27.1	26	12	21	
						Round Rock (AAA)	3-3	5.05	27	7	1	73.0	87	37	84	
48	Colby Lewis	R-R	6-4	230	8/2/79	TEXAS	14-10	4.40	32	32	0	200.1	187	56	169	
57	Mark Lowe	L-R	6-3	210	6/7/83	TEXAS	2-3	3.80	52	0	1	45.0	46	19	42	
						Round Rock (AAA)	1-0	2.89	6	0	0	9.1	7	4	13	
	Roman Mendez	R-R	6-3	192	7/25/90	Hickory (A)	9-1	3.31	26	20	1	117.0	117	45	130	
	Justin Miller	R-R	6-3	215	6/13/87	Frisco (AA)	9-1	1.81	48	0	13	69.2	46	24	77	
36	Joe Nathan	R-R	6-4	227	11/22/74	MINNESOTA	2-1	4.84	48	0	14	44.2	38	14	43	
						Rochester (AAA)	0-0	0.00	3	1	0	3.0	2	1	5	
41	Alexi Ogando	R-R	6-4	195	10/5/83	TEXAS	13-8	3.51	31	29	0	169.0	149	43	126	
	Martin Perez	L-L	6-0	165	4/4/91	Frisco (AA)	4-2	3.16	17	16	0	88.1	80	36	83	
						Round Rock (AAA)	4-4	6.43	10	10	0	49.0	72	20	37	
	Neil Ramirez	R-R	6-4	190	5/25/89	Round Rock (AAA)	4-3	3.63	18	18	0	74.1	63	35	86	
						Frisco (AA)	1-0	1.89	6	6	0	19.0	13	8	24	
22	Yoshinori Tateyama	R-R	5-10	165	12/26/75	Myrtle Beach (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	4.2	1	1	9	
						TEXAS	2-0	4.50	39	0	1	44.0	37	11	43	
						Round Rock (AAA)	1-0	2.14	14	0	1	21.0	17	4	26	
19	Koji Uehara	R-R	6-1	190	4/3/75	BALTIMORE	1-1	1.72	43	0	0	47.0	25	8	62	
						TEXAS	1-2	4.00	22	0	0	18.0	13	1	23	
	Matt West	R-R	6-1	200	11/21/88	Myrtle Beach (A)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.0	1	0	0	
						Spokane (A)	1-2	3.12	23	0	9	26.0	23	1	35	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Luis Martínez	R-R	6-0	210	4/3/85	SAN DIEGO	.203	22	59	7	12	1	10	8	14	1
						Tucson (AAA)	.323	58	198	24	64	1	28	17	46	2
25	Mike Napoli	R-R	6-0	215	10/31/81	TEXAS	.320	113	369	72	118	30	75	58	85	4
						Round Rock (AAA)	.267	4	15	3	4	3	9	2	4	0
8	Yorvit Torrealba	R-R	5-11	200	7/19/78	TEXAS	.273	113	396	40	108	7	37	20	65	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1	Elvis Andrus	R-R	6-0	200	8/26/88	TEXAS	.279	150	587	96	164	5	60	56	74	37
29	Adrian Beltre	R-R	5-11	220	4/7/79	TEXAS	.296	124	487	82	144	32	105	25	53	1
						Round Rock (AAA)	.250	2	8	1	2	0	0	0	3	0
5	Ian Kinsler	R-R	6-0	200	6/22/82	TEXAS	.255	155	620	121	158	32	77	89	71	30
18	Mitch Moreland	L-L	6-2	230	9/6/85	TEXAS	.259	134	464	60	120	16	51	39	92	2
	Brandon Snyder	R-R	6-2	215	11/23/86	BALTIMORE	.231	6	13	2	3	0	1	3	4	0
						Norfolk (AAA)	.261	114	448	55	117	14	71	32	91	1
10	Michael Young	R-R	6-1	200	10/19/76	TEXAS	.338	159	631	88	213	11	106	47	78	6
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
43	Engel Beltré	L-L	6-2	180	11/1/89	Frisco (AA)	.231	118	437	64	101	1	28	28	103	16
20	Julio Borbon	L-L	6-0	195	2/20/86	TEXAS	.270	32	89	10	24	0	11	3	9	6
						Round Rock (AAA)	.298	32	131	27	39	0	14	14	22	16
						Frisco (AA)	.000	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
17	Nelson Cruz	R-R	6-2	240	7/1/80	TEXAS	.263	124	475	64	125	29	87	33	116	9
						Round Rock (AAA)	.455	3	11	3	5	3	4	2	1	0
						Frisco (AA)	.182	3	11	1	2	0	1	1	0	0
23	Craig Gentry	R-R	6-2	190	11/29/83	TEXAS	.271	64	133	26	36	1	13	10	27	18
						Round Rock (AAA)	.245	30	110	21	27	1	10	11	17	5
32	Josh Hamilton	L-L	6-4	240	5/21/81	TEXAS	.298	121	487	80	145	25	94	39	93	8
						Round Rock (AAA)	.182	3	11	2	2	1	3	2	4	0
						Frisco (AA)	.286	2	7	3	2	1	3	1	1	0
27	Leonys Martin	L-R	6-2	190	3/6/88	TEXAS	.375	8	8	2	3	0	0	0	1	0
						Round Rock (AAA)	.263	40	175	27	46	0	17	11	24	9
						Frisco (AA)	.348	29	112	24	39	4	24	15	8	10
						AZL Rangers (R)	.267	4	15	2	4	0	1	1	6	0
7	David Murphy	L-L	6-4	205	10/18/81	TEXAS	.275	120	404	46	111	11	46	33	61	11

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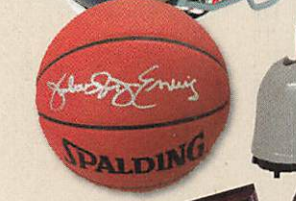
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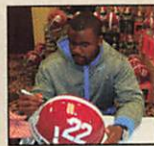
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2012 MLB SCHEDULES



Apr. 5, 7, 8	at NYM
Apr. 9, 10, 11	at HOU
Apr. 13, 14, 15	MIL
Apr. 16, 17, 18	NYM
Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22	at ARI
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at LAD
Apr. 27, 28, 29, 30	PIT
May 1, 2, 3	PHI
May 4, 5, 6	at COL
May 7, 8, 9	at CHC
May 11, 12, 13	at STL
May 14, 15	CIN
May 16, 17	MIA
May 18, 19, 20	at TB
May 21, 22, 23, 24	at CIN
May 25, 26, 27	WAS
May 28, 29, 30	STL
June 1, 2, 3	at WAS
June 5, 6, 7	at MIA
June 8, 9, 10	TOR
June 11, 12, 13	NYN
June 15, 16, 17	BAL
June 18, 19, 20	at NYN
June 22, 23, 24	at BOS
June 25, 26, 27, 28	ARI
June 29, 30, July 1	WAS
July 2, 3, 4, 5	CHC
July 6, 7, 8	at PHI
July 13, 14, 15	at NYM
July 17, 18, 19	at SF
July 20, 21, 22	at WAS
July 23, 24, 25	at WAS
July 27, 28, 29	at WAS
July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2	MIA
Aug. 3, 4, 5	HOU
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at PHI
Aug. 10, 11, 12	at NYM
Aug. 13, 14, 15, 16	SD
Aug. 17, 18, 19	LAD
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at WAS
Aug. 23, 24, 25, 26	at SF
Aug. 27, 28, 29	at SD
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	PHI
Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	COL
Sept. 7, 8, 9	at NYM
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at MIL
Sept. 14, 15, 16	at WAS
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at MIA
Sept. 21, 22, 23	at PHI
Sept. 25, 26, 27	MIA
Sept. 28, 29, 30	NYM
Oct. 1, 2, 3	at PIT

Apr. 4	STL
Apr. 5, 7, 8	at CIN
Apr. 9, 10, 11	at PHI
Apr. 13, 14, 15	HOU
Apr. 17, 18, 19	CHC
Apr. 20, 21, 22	at WAS
Apr. 24, 25, 26	at NYM
Apr. 27, 28, 29, 30	ARI
May 1, 2, 3	at SF
May 4, 5, 6	at SD
May 7, 8, 9	at HOU
May 11, 12, 13	NYM
May 14, 15	PIT
May 16, 17	at ATL
May 18, 19, 20	at CLE
May 21, 22, 23	COL
May 24, 25, 26, 27	SF
May 28, 29, 30	WAS
June 1, 2, 3	at PHI
June 5, 6, 7	ATL
June 8, 9, 10	TB
June 11, 12, 13	BOS
June 15, 16, 17	at TB
June 19, 20, 21	at BOS
June 22, 23, 24	TOR
June 25, 26, 27, 28	STL
June 29, 30, July 1	PHI
July 2, 3, 4, 5	at MIL
July 6, 7, 8	at STL
July 13, 14, 15, 16	WAS
July 17, 18, 19	at CHC
July 20, 21, 22	at PIT
July 23, 24, 25	at ATL
July 27, 28, 29	SD
July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2	at ATL
Aug. 3, 4, 5	at WAS
Aug. 7, 8, 9	at NYM
Aug. 10, 11, 12	LAD
Aug. 13, 14, 15	PHI
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	at COL
Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23	at ARI
Aug. 24, 25, 26	at LAD
Aug. 28, 29	WAS
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	NYM
Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	MIL
Sept. 7, 8, 9	at WAS
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at WAS
Sept. 14, 15, 16	CIN
Sept. 17, 18, 19	ATL
Sept. 21, 22, 23	at NYM
Sept. 25, 26, 27	at ATL
Sept. 28, 29, 30	PHI
Oct. 1, 2, 3	NYM

Apr. 5, 7, 8	ATL
Apr. 9, 10, 11	WAS
Apr. 13, 14, 15	at PHI
Apr. 16, 17, 18	at ATL
Apr. 20, 21, 22, 23	at SF
Apr. 24, 25, 26	MIA
Apr. 27, 28, 29	at COL
Apr. 30, May 1, 2	at HOU
May 4, 5, 6	at PHI
May 7, 8, 9	at ARI
May 11, 12, 13	at MIA
May 14, 15	MIL
May 16, 17	CIN
May 18, 19, 20	at TOR
May 21, 22, 23	at PIT
May 24, 25, 26, 27	SD
May 28, 29, 30	PHI
June 1, 2, 3, 4	STL
June 5, 6, 7	at WAS
June 8, 9, 10	at NYN
June 12, 13, 14	at TB
June 15, 16, 17	CIN
June 18, 19, 20	BAL
June 22, 23, 24	NYN
June 25, 26, 27	at CHC
June 28, 29, 30, July 1	at LAD
July 2, 3, 4, 5	PHI
July 6, 7, 8	CHC
July 13, 14, 15	at ATL
July 17, 18, 19	at WAS
July 20, 21, 22	LAD
July 23, 24, 25	WAS
July 26, 27, 28, 29	at ARI
July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2	at SF
Aug. 3, 4, 5	at SD
Aug. 7, 8, 9	MIA
Aug. 10, 11, 12	ATL
Aug. 14, 15, 16	at CIN
Aug. 17, 18, 19	at WAS
Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23	COL
Aug. 24, 25, 26	HOU
Aug. 28, 29, 30	at PHI
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	at MIA
Sept. 3, 4, 5	at STL
Sept. 7, 8, 9	ATL
Sept. 10, 11, 12	WAS
Sept. 14, 15, 16	at MIL
Sept. 17, 18, 19	PHI
Sept. 21, 22, 23	MIA
Sept. 24, 25, 26, 27	PIT
Sept. 28, 29, 30	at ATL
Oct. 1, 2, 3	at MIA

Apr. 5, 7, 8	at PIT
Apr. 9, 10, 11, 12	MIA
Apr. 13, 14, 15	NYM
Apr. 16, 17, 18	at SF
Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22	at SD
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at ARI
Apr. 27, 28, 29, 30	CHC
May 1, 2, 3	at ATL
May 4, 5, 6	at WAS
May 7, 8, 9	NYM
May 11, 12, 13	SD
May 14, 15	HOU
May 16, 17	at CHC
May 18, 19, 20	BOS
May 21, 22, 23	WAS
May 24, 25, 26, 27	at STL
May 28, 29, 30	at NYM
June 1, 2, 3	MIA
June 5, 6, 7	LAD
June 8, 9, 10	at BAL
June 12, 13, 14	at MIN
June 15, 16, 17	at TOR
June 19, 20, 21	COL
June 22, 23, 24	TB
June 25, 26, 27, 28	PIT
June 29, 30, July 1	at MIA
July 2, 3, 4, 5	at NYM
July 6, 7, 8	ATL
July 13, 14, 15	at COL
July 16, 17, 18	at LAD
July 20, 21, 22	at SF
July 23, 24, 25	MIL
July 26, 27, 28, 29	at ATL
July 31, Aug. 1, 2	at WAS
Aug. 3, 4, 5	ARI
Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9	ATL
Aug. 10, 11, 12	STL
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at MIA
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	at MIL
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Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16	at HOU
Sept. 17, 18, 19	at NYM
Sept. 21, 22, 23	ATL
Sept. 25, 26, 27	WAS
Sept. 28, 29, 30	at MIA
Oct. 1, 2, 3	at WAS

Apr. 5, 7, 8	at CHC
Apr. 9, 10, 11	at NYM
Apr. 12, 13, 14, 15	CIN
Apr. 16, 17, 18, 19	HOU
Apr. 20, 21, 22	MIA
Apr. 24, 25, 26	at SD
Apr. 27, 28, 29	at LAD
May 1, 2, 3	ARI
May 4, 5, 6	PHI
May 8, 9, 10	at PIT
May 11, 12, 13	at CIN
May 14, 15	SD
May 16, 17	PIT
May 18, 19, 20	BAL
May 21, 22, 23	at PHI
May 25, 26, 27	at ATL
May 28, 29, 30	at MIA
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June 5, 6, 7	NYM
June 8, 9, 10	BOS
June 11, 12, 13	at TOR
June 15, 16, 17	NYN
June 19, 20, 21	TB
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June 29, 30, July 1	at ATL
July 2, 3, 4, 5	COL
July 6, 7, 8	at MIA
July 13, 14, 15, 16	at MIA
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July 20, 21, 22	ATL
July 23, 24, 25	at NYM
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July 31, Aug. 1, 2	at WAS
Aug. 3, 4, 5	PHI
Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9	HOU
Aug. 10, 11, 12	ARI
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at SF
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19	NYM
Aug. 20, 21, 22	ATL
Aug. 24, 25, 26	at MIA
Aug. 28, 29	at MIA
Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2	STL
Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	CHC
Sept. 7, 8, 9	MIA
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at NYM
Sept. 14, 15, 16	at ATL
Sept. 18, 19, 20	LAD
Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24	MIL
Sept. 25, 26, 27	at PHI
Sept. 28, 29, 30	at STL
Oct. 1, 2, 3	PHI

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NL CENTRAL



Apr. 5, 7, 8	WAS
Apr. 9, 10, 11, 12	MIL
Apr. 13, 14, 15	at MIA
Apr. 17, 18, 19	at MIA
Apr. 20, 21, 22	CIN
Apr. 23, 24, 25	STL
Apr. 27, 28, 29, 30	at PHI
May 1, 2, 3	at CIN
May 4, 5, 6	LAD
May 7, 8, 9	ATL
May 11, 12, 13	at MIL
May 14, 15	at STL
May 16, 17	PHI
May 18, 19, 20	CWS
May 21, 22, 23	at HOU
May 25, 26, 27	at PIT
May 28, 29, 30	SD
June 1, 2, 3, 4	at SF
June 5, 6, 7	at MIL
June 8, 9, 10	at MIN
June 12, 13, 14	DET
June 15, 16, 17	BOS
June 18, 19, 20	at CWS
June 22, 23, 24	at ARI
June 25, 26, 27	NYM
June 29, 30, July 1	HOU
July 2, 3, 4, 5	at ATL
July 6, 7, 8	at NYM
July 13, 14, 15	ARI
July 17, 18, 19	MIA
July 20, 21, 22	at STL
July 23, 24, 25	at PIT
July 27, 28, 29	at PHI
July 30, 31, Aug. 1	PIT
Aug. 3, 4, 5	at LAD
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at SD
Aug. 9, 10, 11, 12	CIN
Aug. 13, 14, 15	HOU
Aug. 17, 18, 19	at CIN
Aug. 20, 21, 22	at NYM
Aug. 24, 25, 26	COL
Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30	MIL
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	SF
Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6	at WAS
Sept. 7, 8, 9	at PIT
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at HOU
Sept. 14, 15, 16, 17	at NYM
Sept. 18, 19, 20	CIN
Sept. 21, 22, 23	STL
Sept. 25, 26, 27	at COL
Sept. 28, 29, 30	at ARI
Oct. 1, 2, 3	HOU

Apr. 5, 7, 8	MIA
Apr. 9, 10, 11	STL
Apr. 12, 13, 14, 15	at WAS
Apr. 17, 18, 19	at CHC
Apr. 20, 21, 22	at CHC
Apr. 24, 25, 26	SF
Apr. 27, 28, 29	HOU
May 1, 2, 3	CHC
May 4, 5, 6	at PIT
May 7, 8, 9	at WAS
May 11, 12, 13	MIL
May 14, 15	at ATL
May 16, 17	at NYM
May 18, 19, 20	at NYN
May 21, 22, 23, 24	ATL
May 25, 26, 27	COL
May 28, 29, 30	at PIT
June 1, 2, 3	HOU
June 5, 6, 7	PIT
June 8, 9, 10	DET
June 12, 13, 14	CLE
June 15, 16, 17	at NYM
June 18, 19, 20	at CLE
June 22, 23, 24	MIN
June 25, 26, 27	MIL
June 28, 29, 30, July 1	at WAS
July 2, 3, 4, 5	at LAD
July 6, 7, 8	at SD
July 13, 14, 15	STL
July 16, 17, 18, 19	ARI
July 20, 21, 22	MIL
July 23, 24, 25	at HOU
July 27, 28, 29	at PHI
July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2	SD
Aug. 3, 4, 5	PIT
Aug. 6, 7, 8	at MIL
Aug. 9, 10, 11, 12	at CHC
Aug. 14, 15, 16	NYM
Aug. 17, 18, 19	CHC
Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23	at WAS
Aug. 24, 25, 26	STL
Aug. 27, 28, 29	at ARI
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	at HOU
Sept. 3, 4, 5	PHI
Sept. 7, 8, 9	HOU
Sept. 10, 11, 12	PIT
Sept. 14, 15, 16	at PHI
Sept. 18, 19, 20	at CHC
Sept. 21, 22, 23	LAD
Sept. 25, 26, 27	MIL
Sept. 28, 29, 30	at PIT
Oct. 1, 2, 3	at STL

Apr. 6, 7, 8	COL
Apr. 9, 10, 11	ATL
Apr. 13, 14, 15	at MIA
Apr. 16, 17, 18, 19	at WAS
Apr. 20, 21, 22	COL
Apr. 23, 24, 25	at MIL
Apr. 27, 28, 29	at CIN
Apr. 30, May 1, 2	NYM
May 4, 5, 6	STL
May 7, 8, 9	MIA
May 11, 12, 13	at PIT
May 14, 15	at PHI
May 16, 17	MIL
May 18, 19, 20	TEX
May 21, 22, 23	CHC
May 25, 26, 27	LAD
May 28, 29, 30, 31	at COL
June 1, 2, 3	CIN
June 5, 6, 7	STL
June 8, 9, 10	at CWS
June 12, 13, 14	at SF
June 15, 16, 17	at TEX
June 18, 19, 20	KC
June 22, 23, 24	CLE
June 25, 26, 27, 28	SD
June 29, 30, July 1	at CHC
July 2, 3, 4, 5	at MIL
July 6, 7, 8	PIT
July 13, 14, 15	at SF
July 16, 17, 18, 19	at SD
July 20, 21, 22	at ARI
July 23, 24, 25	CIN
July 26, 27, 28, 29	SD
July 30, 31, Aug. 1	at CHC
Aug. 2, 3, 4, 5	at MIL
Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9	PIT
Aug. 10, 11, 12	at SF
Aug. 13, 14, 15	at SD
Aug. 17, 18, 19	at ARI
Aug. 21, 22, 23	CIN
Aug. 24, 25, 26	SD
Aug. 28, 29, 30	at CHC
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2	at MIL
Sept. 3, 4, 5	PIT
Sept. 7, 8, 9	at SF
Sept. 10, 11, 12	at SD
Sept. 13, 14, 15, 16	at ARI
Sept. 18, 19, 20	CIN
Sept. 21, 22, 23	SD
Sept. 24, 25, 26	at CHC
Sept. 28, 29, 30	at MIL
Oct. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	PIT

2012 MLB SCHEDULES

NL WEST



Apr. 6, 7, 8 SF
Apr. 10, 11, 12 at SD
Apr. 13, 14, 15 at COL
Apr. 16, 17, 18 PIT
Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22 ATL
Apr. 23, 24, 25 PHI
Apr. 27, 28, 29, 30 at MIA
May 1, 2, 3 at WAS
May 4, 5, 6 at NYM
May 7, 8, 9 STL
May 11, 12, 13 SF
May 14, 15 at LAD
May 16, 17 at COL
May 18, 19, 20 at KC
May 21, 22, 23 LAD
May 25, 26, 27 MIL
May 28, 29, 30 at SF
June 1, 2, 3 at SD
June 5, 6, 7 COL
June 8, 9, 10 OAK
June 12, 13, 14 at TEX
June 15, 16, 17 at LAA
June 18, 19, 20 SEA
June 22, 23, 24 CHC
June 26, 27, 28 at ATL
June 29, 30, July 1 at MIL
July 2, 3, 4 SD
July 5, 6, 7, 8 LAD
July 13, 14, 15 at CHC
July 16, 17, 18, 19 at CIN
July 20, 21, 22 HOU
July 23, 24, 25 COL
July 26, 27, 28, 29 NYM
July 30, 31, Aug. 1 at LAD
Aug. 3, 4, 5 at PHI
Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 at LAD
Aug. 10, 11, 12 WAS
Aug. 14, 15, 16 at STL
Aug. 17, 18, 19 at HOU
Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23 MIA
Aug. 24, 25, 26 SD
Aug. 27, 28, 29 CIN
Aug. 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2 at LAD
Sept. 3, 4, 5 at SF
Sept. 7, 8, 9 at SD
Sept. 11, 12 LAD
Sept. 14, 15, 16 SF
Sept. 18, 19, 20 at SD
Sept. 21, 22, 23, 24 at CIN
Sept. 25, 26, 27 at SF
Sept. 28, 29, 30 CHC
Oct. 1, 2, 3 COL



Apr. 6, 7, 8 at HOU
Apr. 9, 10, 11 SF
Apr. 13, 14, 15 ARI
Apr. 16, 17, 18 SD
Apr. 20, 21, 22 at MIC
Apr. 23, 24, 25 at PIT
Apr. 27, 28, 29 NYM
Apr. 30, May 1, 2 LAD
May 4, 5, 6 ATL
May 7, 8, 9 at SD
May 11, 12, 13 at LAD
May 14, 15 at SF
May 16, 17 ARI
May 18, 19, 20 SEA
May 21, 22, 23 at MIA
May 25, 26, 27 at CIN
May 28, 29, 30, 31 HOU
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June 5, 6, 7 ARI
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June 12, 13, 14 OAK
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June 18, 19, 20 at PHI
June 22, 23, 24 at TEX
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July 6, 7, 8 at WAS
July 13, 14, 15 PHI
July 16, 17, 18 PIT
July 20, 21, 22 at SD
July 23, 24, 25 at ARI
July 27, 28, 29 CIN
July 31, Aug. 1, 2 ST
Aug. 3, 4, 5 SF
Aug. 6, 7, 8 at LAD
Aug. 10, 11, 12 at SF
Aug. 13, 14, 15 MIL
Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19 MIA
Aug. 20, 21, 22, 23 at NYM
Aug. 24, 25, 26 LAD
Aug. 27, 28, 29 LAD
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 SD
Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6 at ATL
Sept. 7, 8, 9 at PHI
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Oct. 1, 2, 3 at ARI



Apr. 5, 6, 7, 8 at SD
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Apr. 13, 14, 15 SD
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Sept. 28, 29, 30 COL
Oct. 1, 2, 3 SF



Apr. 5, 6, 7, 8 LAD
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Apr. 13, 14, 15 at LAD
Apr. 16, 17, 18 at COL
Apr. 19, 20, 21, 22 PHI
Apr. 24, 25, 26 WAS
Apr. 27, 28, 29 at SF
Apr. 30, May 1, 2 MIL
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May 14, 15 at WAS
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June 18, 19, 20 TEX
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July 20, 21, 22 COL
July 23, 24, 25 at SF
July 27, 28, 29 at MIA
July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 at CIN
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Sept. 18, 19, 20 at ARI
Sept. 21, 22, 23 at SF
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Sept. 28, 29, 30 SF
Oct. 1, 2, 3 at MIL



Apr. 6, 7, 8 at ARI
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Apr. 13, 14, 15 PIT
Apr. 16, 17, 18 PHI
Apr. 20, 21, 22, 23 at NYM
Apr. 24, 25, 26 at CIN
Apr. 27, 28, 29 SD
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May 7, 8, 9 at ARI
May 11, 12, 13 at ARI
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May 16, 17 STL
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July 20, 21, 22 at PHI
July 23, 24, 25 SD
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July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2 NYM
Aug. 3, 4, 5 at STL
Aug. 6, 7, 8, 9 at COL
Aug. 10, 11, 12 COL
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Sept. 14, 15, 16 at PHI
Sept. 17, 18, 19, 20 at ARI
Sept. 21, 22, 23 SD
Sept. 25, 26, 27 ARI
Sept. 28, 29, 30 at SD
Oct. 1, 2, 3 at LAD

AL EAST



Apr. 6, 7, 8 MIN
Apr. 9, 10, 11 NYY
Apr. 13, 14, 15 at TOR
Apr. 16, 17, 18, 19 at CWS
Apr. 20, 21, 22 at LAA
Apr. 24, 25, 26 TOR
Apr. 27, 28, 29 OAK
Apr. 30, May 1, 2 at NYN
May 4, 5, 6 at BOS
May 7, 8, 9, 10 TEX
May 11, 12, 13 TB
May 14, 15 NYY
May 16, 17 at KC
May 18, 19, 20 at WAS
May 21, 22, 23 BOS
May 25, 26, 27 KC
May 28, 29, 30 at TOR
June 1, 2, 3 at BOS
June 5, 6, 7 at SD
June 8, 9, 10 PHI
June 12, 13, 14 PIT
June 15, 16, 17 at ATL
June 18, 19, 20 at NYM
June 22, 23, 24 WAS
June 26, 27 LAA
June 28, 29, 30, July 1 COL
July 2, 3, 4 at SEA
July 5, 6, 7, 8 at LAA
July 13, 14, 15 DET
July 16, 17, 18, 19 at MIN
July 20, 21, 22, 23 at TB
July 24, 25, 26 CL
July 27, 28, 29 at BAL
July 30, 31, Aug. 1 at NYN
Aug. 3, 4, 5 at TB
Aug. 6, 7, 8 SEA
Aug. 9, 10, 11, 12 KC
Aug. 14, 15, 16 BOS
Aug. 17, 18, 19 at LAA
Aug. 20, 21, 22 TEX
Aug. 24, 25, 26 TOR
Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30 CWS
Aug. 31, Sept. 1, 2 at NYN
Sept. 3, 4, 5 at TOR
Sept. 6, 7, 8, 9 NYY
Sept. 11, 12, 13 NYY
Sept. 14, 15, 16 OAK
Sept. 17, 18, 19 at SEA
Sept. 21, 22, 23 at BOS
Sept. 24, 25, 26 TOR
Sept. 28, 29, 30 BOS
Oct. 1, 2, 3 at TB



Apr. 5, 7, 8 at DET
Apr. 9, 10, 11 at TOR
Apr. 13, 14, 15, 16 TB
Apr. 17, 18, 19 at CWS
Apr. 20, 21, 22 NYY
Apr. 23, 24, 25 at MIN
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Apr. 30, May 1, 2 OAK
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June 5, 6, 7 BAL
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July 27, 28, 29 OAK
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Aug. 6, 7, 8 TEX
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Sept. 21, 22, 23 BAL
Sept. 25, 26 TB
Sept. 28, 29, 30 at BAL
Oct. 1, 2, 3 at NYY



Apr. 6, 7, 8 at TB
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Apr. 20, 21, 22 at BOS
Apr. 23, 24, 25 at TEX
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Mar. 28, 29 SEA (Japan)
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Mar. 28, 29 OAK (Japan)
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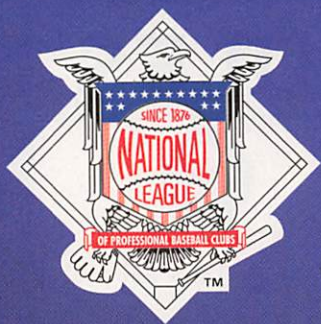


July 10, 2012
Kauffman Stadium
Kansas City, MO

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AL CENTRAL

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2012 Predictions

East

1. Philadelphia
2. Atlanta
3. Washington
4. Miami
5. New York

Central

1. St. Louis
2. Cincinnati*
3. Milwaukee
4. Pittsburgh
5. Chicago
6. Houston

West

1. San Francisco
2. Arizona*
3. Los Angeles
4. Colorado
5. San Diego

NLCS

Philadelphia over San Francisco

World Series

Texas over Philadelphia

MVP

1. Joey Votto, Cincinnati
2. Justin Upton, Arizona
3. Matt Kemp, Los Angeles
4. Troy Tulowitzki, Colorado
5. Matt Holliday, St. Louis
6. Buster Posey, San Francisco
7. Hunter Pence, Philadelphia
8. Hanley Ramirez, Miami
9. Andrew McCutchen, Pittsburgh
10. Brandon Phillips, Cincinnati

CY YOUNG

1. Roy Halladay, Philadelphia
2. Clayton Kershaw, Los Angeles
3. Cole Hamels, Philadelphia
4. Tim Lincecum, San Francisco
5. Cliff Lee, Philadelphia
6. Madison Bumgarner, San Francisco
7. Ian Kennedy, Arizona
8. Daniel Hudson, Arizona
9. Matt Cain, San Francisco
10. Adam Wainwright, St. Louis

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

1. Bryce Harper, Washington
2. Julio Teheran, Atlanta
3. Devin Mesoraco, Cincinnati
4. Drew Pomeranz, Colorado
5. Gary Brown, San Francisco





ATLANTA BRAVES

**2012
PREDICTION**

2ND

NL EAST

**2011
RECORD**
89-73

HOME: 47-34 ROAD: 42-39

TEAM STADIUM

Turner Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

404-522-7630 50,091

TEAM WEBSITE

atlanta.braves.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 84 3rd

2008 72 4th

2009 86 3rd

2010 91 2nd

2011 89 2nd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ C Brian McCann

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ RP Craig Kimbrel



BUY LOW ◇ OF Jason Heyward

SELL HIGH ◇ SP Jair Jurrjens

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ SP Tommy Hanson

IPO ◇ SP Julio Teheran

FUTURES MARKET ◇ SP Randall Delgado

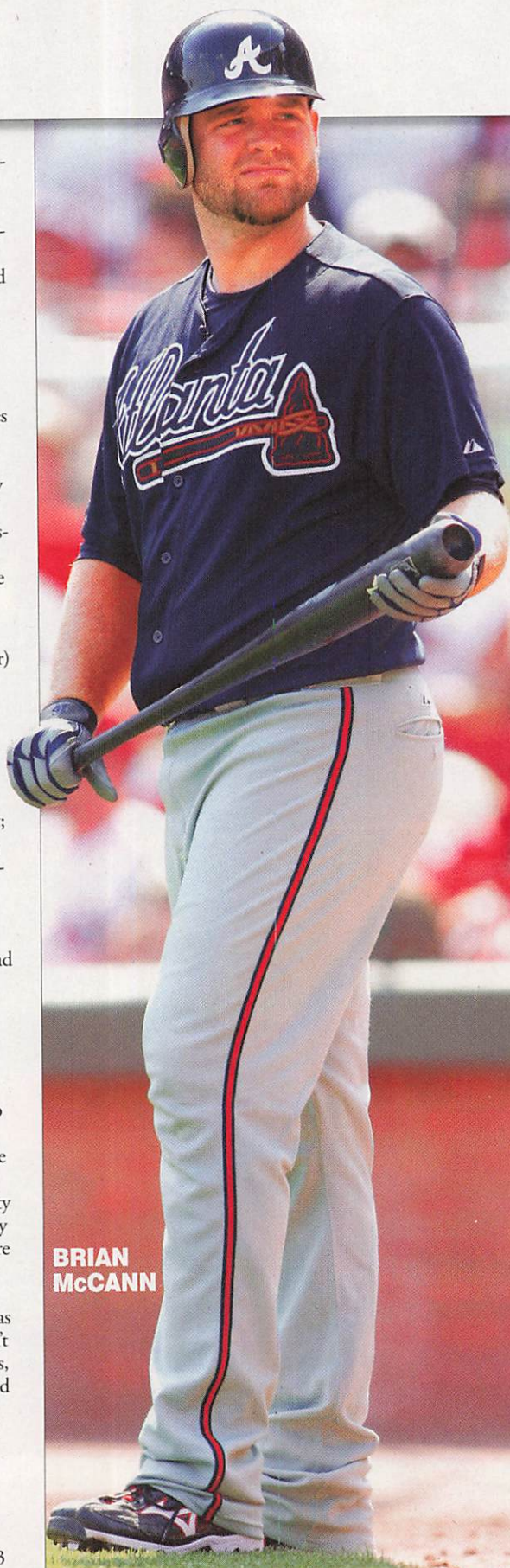
INSIDER TIP ◇ In addition to Heyward, strong comebacks will be staged by Hanson and Martin Prado.

If not for the beer-drinking, chicken-eating pitchers' scandal from the Red Sox clubhouse, the spotlight would have shined brighter on the Braves, who are also left to pick up the pieces from one of the most colossal September meltdowns in history. The Braves led the NL wild card by 8.5 games Sept. 5, only to lose it to the eventual World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals on the season's final day. Unlike the Red Sox, who dumped Terry Francona, the Braves stuck by first-year manager Fredi Gonzalez, though the scrutiny in the post-Bobby Cox era will intensify. General manager Frank Wren didn't make wholesale changes to the roster, saying that as it was constructed last Aug. 25, the Braves were on pace to win 96 games, with the fourth-best record in baseball. That thinking, and a lack of available funds, kept Wren from overhauling. With the Marlins having spent nearly \$200 million on free agents to go along with a new manager and a new stadium, and the Nationals returning Stephen Strasburg and adding Gio Gonzalez to their rotation, the Braves will have company challenging the Phillies, who have won five straight NL East titles.

ROTATION Not many teams can lose two All-Star-caliber pitchers — Jair Jurrjens (knee) and Tommy Hanson (shoulder) — in the final two months of the season and make a playoff run, but that's the depth the Braves have in their rotation. They have standout prospects Mike Minor, Randall Delgado and Julio Teheran vying for a fifth spot in the rotation. They also provide insurance for Jurrjens, who's faded each of the last two seasons with knee problems; Hanson, who is hoping offseason rest and rehab gets his shoulder back to 100 percent; and Tim Hudson, who expects to be ready for spring training despite herniated disc surgery. Derek Lowe went from a workhorse to a burden on the rotation last season — he failed to go six innings in seven of 14 starts in the second half and lost his last five starts — and was traded to the Indians in a salary-dumping move. Had the Braves made the postseason, Brandon Beachy would have been their No. 2 starter. He'll have to pitch deeper in games to improve on seven wins in 25 starts in 2011.

BULLPEN The Braves return NL Rookie of the Year Craig Kimbrel and his rookie-record 46 saves to anchor the bullpen. He blew eight saves and enters the season motivated by his last one in the final game against the Phillies. The 23-year-old rejoins left-handed setup men Jonny Venters and Eric O'Flaherty to give the Braves a back end that compares favorably with any in baseball. The key will be whether they are used more effectively after wearing down in 2011. Kris Medlen could help. The versatile righthander showed during the last week of last season that he was healthy after Tommy John surgery. If the Braves don't need him in the rotation because of injuries or trades, he can help their bullpen depth. Aroldys Vizcaino and Rule 5 selection Robert Fish could be factors. The Braves did not tender Peter Moylan a contract coming off shoulder surgery, but the Aussie sidearmer might re-sign before spring training.

MIDDLE INFIELD Dan Uggla could use some middle ground after a tumultuous 2011. Through his first three-plus months as a Brave, Uggla hit .173



**BRIAN
McCANN**

DIFFERENCE MAKER JASON HEYWARD

Heyward's batting average dropped 50 points from his remarkable rookie season to his second in the major leagues — from .277 to .227. His on-base percentage plummeted by 74 points, from .393 to .319. The selectivity that helped make him such a novelty as a 20-year-old seemed to escape him, and he fell prey to pitchers who pounded him inside and waited for him to make an adjustment. He's too young, too talented and too affordable for the Braves to convert to a part-time player, but they need results from him.

before breaking out with a 33-game hitting streak, tied for the third-longest ever by a second baseman. He managed to maintain his power throughout, finishing with a career-high 36 homers. The Braves are counting on another 30-plus homers, like he's hit each of the past five years. Uggla will break in a new double-play partner. Looking for an offensive upgrade at shortstop, the Braves parted ways with Alex Gonzalez (hit .241 with .270 on-base percentage last year) and opened the door to 22-year-old rookie Tyler Pastornicky. Pastornicky is not the leather-flashing Gonzalez, and he's only played 27 games above Double-A, but he hit .365 with a homer and seven steals in those 27 games for Triple-A Gwinnett. The Braves like his speed and grit and project him as a 20-steal threat.

CORNERS By now the Braves know what they're going to get from 39-year-old Chipper Jones, who had ACL surgery on his left knee in 2010 and arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in 2011. They figure on 120 to 130 games, with Martin Prado ready to spell him at third base. If they can get another .275 year with 15-20 homers like they did from Jones in 2011, the Braves will be pleased. At the other corner, first baseman Freddie Freeman hopes to avoid the sophomore slump his close friend Jason Heyward endured. Freeman's swing isn't as violent and his approach is more refined, giving the Braves confidence he can repeat his success. At times Freeman was the Braves' best hitter coming down the stretch. If not for Kimbrel, Freeman would likely have been NL Rookie of the Year.

OUTFIELD For the second straight offseason, the Braves sought pop in the outfield. They ranked second to last in the National League last year in home runs (41) and last in slugging percentage (.375), after ranking last among NL outfielders in home runs (40) and 15th in slugging percentage (.389) in 2010. The Braves upgraded in center field at the trade deadline last year and have Michael Bourn through the end of the 2012 season. But they need Heyward to be the player he was as a rookie, not the injury-laden easy out he became last season when pitchers jammed him inside. Prado's left field experiment was largely a flop. Whether he was focusing too much on learning a new position, or the five weeks he missed with a staph infection cost him his rhythm, he was a shadow of his 2010 All-Star self offensively.

CATCHING Brian McCann's five Silver Slugger awards and six trips to the All-Star game in his first six full seasons make the Braves the envy of the National League and maybe all of baseball. Even by his own lofty standards, McCann was on pace for a career year last year, but his season stalled after an oblique injury. He came back after only about two weeks and maintained that he was healthy upon his return, but his timing was off. He hit .180 with a .346 slugging percentage and 16 RBIs in 37 games after returning from the

STATISTICIAN

- 26 Extra-inning games by the Braves in 2011, one shy of the franchise record 27 by the 1943 Boston Braves.
- 54 Number of extra innings pitched by the Braves bullpen, the equivalent of six additional games.
- 22 Years since teammates finished first and second in the NL Rookie of the Year voting, as Craig Kimbrel and Freddie Freeman did in 2011. The Cubs' Jerome Walton and Dwight Smith did it in 1989.
- 9 Offensive categories among NL rookies that Freeman either led (home runs, RBIs, hits, doubles, total bases) or finished second (multi-hit games, runs, walks, extra-base hits).
- 0.98 Eric O'Flaherty's ERA, the lowest in a single season by a reliever since 1900, with a minimum of 75 games.

BRAVES

BATTING ORDER

CF Michael Bourn (L)	First true leadoff hitter for Braves since Rafael Furcal in 2005; led majors with 61 stolen bases in 2011.
LF Martin Prado (R)	Followed All-Star season by hitting career-low .260; missed five weeks with staph infection.
3B Chipper Jones (S)	Underwent arthroscopic surgery on right knee, but still played 126 games, hit .275 with 18 HRs and 70 RBIs.
C Brian McCann (L)	Provides power in the middle of the lineup, but hit only .180 in final six weeks coming off oblique injury.
2B Dan Uggla (R)	His 33-game hitting streak was longest since Chase Utley's 35-gamer in 2006.
1B Freddie Freeman (L)	Led the Braves in batting average as a rookie. Runner-up in Rookie of the Year race.
RF Jason Heyward (L)	Followed breakout rookie season with sophomore slump; benched for parts of stretch run.
SS Tyler Pastornicky (R)	Hit .314 in 117 games at Double-A and Triple-A combined last season, with 27 steals.

BENCH

UT Eric Hinske (L)	Best power threat off bench, hitting double-digit homers each of past two seasons for a total of 21.
OF Matt Diaz (R)	Failed to homer in 116 games last season with Pirates and Braves, but hit .286 in 16 games for Atlanta.
C David Ross (R)	Braves were 28-14 in his starts, and 9-5 when he caught Tim Hudson.
OF Jose Constanza (L)	Speedster was a surprise spark for Braves last year, hitting .372 in first 23 games of call-up.
INF Jack Wilson (R)	Hit .243 in 79 games for Braves, Mariners last year; at 34 provides veteran backup to Pastornicky.

ROTATION

RH Tim Hudson	Went at least seven innings in 10 of last 16 starts. Coming off back surgery.
RH Tommy Hanson	10-4, 2.44 ERA in first half, but shoulder injury led to 1-3, 8.10 ERA in five second-half starts.
RH Jair Jurrjens	First-time All-Star after 12-3 first half, but knee problems cost him another September.
RH Brandon Beachy	Started 25 games as a rookie and had 10.7 Ks/nine innings, but had trouble finishing big inning.
LH Mike Minor	Poised to join rotation full-time after Braves won nine of his last 12 starts filling in for injured starters.

BULLPEN

RH Craig Kimbrel (Closer)	Lived up to billing with rookie-record 46 saves but blew three saves in September.
LH Jonny Venters	Established as one of majors' best relievers; only allowed 53 hits in 88 innings in 2011.
LH Eric O'Flaherty	Proved more than lefty specialist by leading all major league relievers with a 0.98 ERA.
RH Kris Medlen	Missed all but two outings in 2011 following Tommy John surgery.
RH Aroldys Vizcaino	Showed flashes of talent, nasty curveball in first 17 major league appearances.
RH Anthony Varvaro	Earned Fredi Gonzalez's trust in call-up, allowing only four runs in 15 innings in September (2.40 ERA).
RH Cristhian Martinez	Valuable long man, as evidenced by six shutout innings in 19-inning marathon vs. Pirates.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Rule 5 draft selection Robert Fish, the hard-throwing lefthander taken from the Angels' Double-A roster, figures to make a run at a bullpen spot this spring. The back end of the Braves bullpen is where most of the competition lies, with the likes of Anthony Varvaro and Aroldys Vizcaino, both of whom pitched well with their major league opportunities last year. Two bench spots are open, with the departure of Brooks Conrad, who was non-tendered. Only Eric Hinske, Matt Diaz and David Ross are sure bets. Randall Delgado and Julio Teheran could enter the mix for a rotation spot.

STATLINE



NL HOMERS WITH TEAM TRAILING, 2010-11

1. Dan Uggla	29
2. Albert Pujols	27
3. Prince Fielder	26
4. Joey Votto	25
5t. Jay Bruce	23
5t. Aramis Ramirez	23

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	NYM	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

MAY

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JULY

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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disabled list. He still hit .270 with 24 home runs for the season, the most by any catcher in the majors, but he shouldered significant blame for the Braves' September fall-off. David Ross returns as his backup, giving the Braves a little pop, a great signal-caller and a veteran presence in the clubhouse.

BENCH Eric Hinske returns to bolster the bench, which is another area where the Braves saw production drop off a year ago. Hinske hit double-digits in homers for the second straight year but drove in just over half as many runs with 28 RBIs vs. 51 in 2010. Brooks Conrad, who was subsequently non-tendered, didn't spark the Braves as he had in the past, and without Omar Infante and Prado like the year before, the bench didn't provide much of an offensive lift. Matt Diaz returned via trade from the Pirates in August and should provide some right-handed power. The Braves added veteran shortstop Jack Wilson for insurance if Pastornicky struggles.

MANAGEMENT Gonzalez enters the season determined not to overuse the back of the bullpen as he admittedly did in the first half of 2011. The Braves' lack of offense and propensity for extra-inning games didn't make it any easier. The Braves hope new hitting coach Greg Walker will help them get back to good fundamental offensive play, and that they won't be the pull-happy team they turned into down the stretch.

FINAL ANALYSIS If the Braves are going bounce back from last season's epic collapse and make a run in an ever-improving division, they'll need to see significant improvement from players such as Heyward and Prado. To offset any potential injuries in their rotation, they'll need some of their good young arms to pitch deeper into games, not just through the fifth inning. The NL East might be the most competitive in baseball, with both the Marlins and Nationals making significant steps forward and the Phillies a continuing threat with that vaunted rotation. This season, the Braves might not be in position to lose a big lead.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

ATLANTA BRAVES

WALK THIS WAY After firing hitting coach Larry Parrish, the Braves hired longtime White Sox hitting coach Greg Walker in the hopes that he could get Jason Heyward, among others, back on track. The two started meeting twice a week in December. Parrish hadn't ever been a hitting coach at the major league level and seemed to struggle with communication. Walker spent the past eight seasons as the White Sox hitting coach.

PASS THE REMOTE The Braves joined the ranks of teams scrapping the traditional advance scout. They reassigned Bob Johnson to his new role as special assistant to the GM and hired Scott Fletcher in a hybrid position as an in-house advance scout and assistant hitting coach. The Braves believe Fletcher can get more information by watching games on video than he would watching a series or two in person.

THE BIG 4-0 Chipper Jones has always maintained he'd like to play until he's 40. Well, he turns 40 on April 24 and enters the final year of his contract. He has an option for 2013, which automatically kicks in if he plays in 123 games this year. But Jones says

he'll have a big decision to make, and it won't depend just on his level of health and performance but whether he's prepared to be away from his family off and on for another eight months.

MR. VERSATILITY Kris Medlen pitched only twice in 2011 but it was enough to prove to the Braves he was back from Tommy John surgery. Showing no loss of velocity or command, Medlen pitched 2.1 scoreless innings. The Braves will build him up to start heading into spring training to give themselves insurance for their rotation, but he's likely to open the season in the bullpen.

YOUTH IS SERVED If the Braves do indeed hand over the shortstop position to rookie Tyler Pastornicky (22), they will have three players 22 years or younger in their starting lineup, along with Jason Heyward (22) and Freddie Freeman (22). The last such team to win an NL pennant was the 1970 Reds with Johnny Bench, Dave Concepcion and Bernie Carbo. The last such team to win the World Series was the 1914 Boston Braves, who had four regulars under 22.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK SEAN GILMARTIN

Gilmartin is the second college lefthander taken in the first round by the Braves in the past three years, drafted 28th overall out of Florida State. The Braves would love him to take a Mike Minor trajectory (their first-round pick in 2009 who broke into the majors a year later), and so far, so good. Gilmartin debuted in the Gulf Coast League, made five starts in Class A Rome and then held his own in the Arizona Fall League, going 2-1 with a 4.34 ERA in eight games (seven starts). The Braves like Gilmartin's maturity and his command of four pitches, which he put on display while striking out 30 batters and walking only two in 21.1 innings with Rome. If he keeps following in Minor's footsteps, he'll open his second season in Double-A Mississippi, as Minor did in 2010.



2010 TOP PICK

Matt Lipka, SS, McKinney (Texas) HS Began conversion from shortstop to center field in instructional league; Braves are loaded at SS and want to take advantage of his speed.

2009 TOP PICK

Mike Minor, LHP, Vanderbilt Developing into reliable young pitcher who figures to win fifth rotation spot; went 1-1 with 3.67 ERA in five September starts.

2008 TOP PICK

Brett DeVall, LHP, Niceville (Fla.) HS Released last March, coming off two elbow injury-plagued seasons at Class A Rome (11-13, 4.10 ERA in 29 starts combined).

2007 TOP PICK

Jason Heyward, OF, Henry County (Ga.) HS Sophomore slumped in 2011, hitting .227 with a .319 on-base percentage, 14 HRs and 42 RBIs.

2006 TOP PICK

Cody Johnson, OF, Mosley (Fla.) HS Braves traded strikeout-prone power hitter to the Yankees for cash in November 2010.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Julio Teheran (21) Had a dominant Triple-A season and held his own in his first three major league starts, putting him on cusp of major league rotation.

RHP Randall Delgado (22) Actually outshined Teheran when both made spot starts last year and stayed in rotation down the stretch.

RHP Arodys Vizcaino (21) Power arm showed what he could do with healthy elbow. Debuted in Braves bullpen and figures to open 2012 there.

SS Andrelton Simmons (22) Cannon-armed shortstop who added Carolina League batting title to his surprising offensive repertoire.

3B Joey Teroslavich (23) Potential Chipper Jones heir hit Carolina League-record 52 doubles; standout in Arizona Fall League.

BRAVES ROSTER

General Manager: Frank Wren **Manager:** Fredi Gonzalez **Coaches:** Alan Butts, Scott Fletcher, Roger McDowell (pitching), Terry Pendleton (first base), Eddie Perez (bullpen), Brian Snitker (third base), Carlos Tosca (bench), Greg Walker (batting)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
56	Jairo Asencio	R-R	6-2	180	5/5/84	ATLANTA	0-0	6.97	6	0	0	10.1	16	5	8	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	3-2	1.81	47	0	26	54.2	39	22	70	
	Luis Avilan	L-L	6-2	165	7/19/89	Mississippi (AA)	4-8	4.57	36	13	1	106.1	113	36	78	
37	Brandon Beachy	R-R	6-3	215	9/3/86	ATLANTA	7-3	3.68	25	25	0	141.2	125	46	169	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	1-0	1.80	1	1	0	5.0	4	2	8	
	Jaye Chapman	R-R	6-0	180	5/22/87	Gwinnett (AAA)	2-3	2.98	43	1	2	54.1	40	26	61	
						Mississippi (AA)	1-0	0.64	9	0	2	14.0	5	5	16	
63	Erik Cordier	R-R	6-4	230	2/25/86	Gwinnett (AAA)	5-8	5.13	19	19	0	86.0	88	51	61	
						Mississippi (AA)	0-1	5.40	1	1	0	5.0	6	0	4	
40	Randall Delgado	R-R	6-3	200	2/9/90	ATLANTA	1-1	2.83	7	7	0	35.0	29	14	18	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	2-2	4.15	4	4	0	21.2	19	11	25	
						Mississippi (AA)	5-5	3.84	21	21	0	117.1	116	46	110	
	Robert Fish	L-L	6-2	230	1/19/88	Arkansas (AA)	1-0	3.26	24	0	2	30.1	21	18	41	
						AZL Angels (R)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	3.0	3	0	3	
53	Cory Gearrin	R-R	6-3	200	4/14/86	ATLANTA	1-1	7.85	18	0	0	18.1	17	12	25	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	4-1	1.80	35	0	4	50.0	42	20	60	
48	Tommy Hanson	R-R	6-6	220	8/28/86	ATLANTA	11-7	3.60	22	22	0	130.0	106	46	142	
	J.J. Hoover	R-R	6-3	215	8/13/87	Gwinnett (AAA)	1-1	3.37	12	2	1	18.2	12	12	31	
						Mississippi (AA)	2-5	2.48	31	12	1	87.0	65	28	86	
15	Tim Hudson	R-R	6-1	175	7/14/75	ATLANTA	16-10	3.22	33	33	0	215.0	189	56	158	
49	Jair Jurrjens	R-R	6-1	200	1/29/86	ATLANTA	13-6	2.96	23	23	0	152.0	142	44	90	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	1-0	3.00	1	1	0	6.0	4	2	3	
46	Craig Kimbrel	R-R	5-11	205	5/28/88	ATLANTA	4-3	2.10	79	0	46	77.0	48	32	127	
50	Cristhian Martinez	R-R	6-1	185	3/6/82	ATLANTA	1-3	3.36	46	0	0	77.2	56	19	58	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	2-1	2.86	4	4	0	22.0	26	2	18	
54	Kris Medlen	S-R	5-10	190	10/7/85	ATLANTA	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.1	1	0	2	
36	Mike Minor	R-L	6-4	205	12/26/87	ATLANTA	5-3	4.14	15	15	0	82.2	93	30	77	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	4-5	3.13	16	16	0	100.2	93	27	99	
34	Eric O'Flaherty	L-L	6-2	220	2/5/85	ATLANTA	2-4	0.98	78	0	0	73.2	59	21	67	
	Todd Redmond	R-R	6-3	215	5/17/85	Gwinnett (AAA)	10-8	2.92	28	27	0	169.2	152	47	142	
57	Julio Teheran	R-R	6-2	175	1/27/91	ATLANTA	1-1	5.03	5	3	0	19.2	21	8	10	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	15-3	2.55	25	24	0	144.2	123	48	122	
38	Anthony Varvaro	R-R	6-0	195	10/31/84	ATLANTA	0-2	2.63	18	0	0	24.0	15	11	23	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	2-8	2.90	38	0	1	59.0	37	35	69	
39	Jonny Venters	L-L	6-3	195	3/20/85	ATLANTA	6-2	1.84	85	0	5	88.0	53	43	96	
59	Arodys Vizcaino	R-R	6-0	190	11/13/90	ATLANTA	1-1	4.67	17	0	0	17.1	16	9	17	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	1-0	1.29	6	0	0	7.0	7	0	8	
						Mississippi (AA)	2-3	3.81	11	8	0	49.2	44	18	55	
						Lynchburg (A)	2-2	2.45	9	9	0	40.1	31	10	37	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
16	Brian McCann	L-R	6-3	230	2/20/84	ATLANTA	.270	128	466	51	126	24	71	57	89	3
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.333	2	6	1	2	1	2	0	1	0
8	David Ross	R-R	6-2	205	3/19/77	ATLANTA	.263	52	152	14	40	6	23	16	51	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
5	Freddie Freeman	L-R	6-5	225	9/12/89	ATLANTA	.282	157	571	67	161	21	76	53	142	4
23	Brandon Hicks	R-R	6-2	200	9/14/85	ATLANTA	.048	17	21	1	1	0	1	1	9	0
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.252	104	361	52	91	18	50	41	137	8
10	Chipper Jones	S-R	6-4	210	4/24/72	ATLANTA	.275	126	455	56	125	18	70	51	80	2
						Rome (A)	.333	2	3	0	1	0	1	2	1	0
28	Tyler Pastornicky	R-R	5-11	170	12/13/89	Gwinnett (AAA)	.365	27	104	15	38	1	9	8	11	7
						Mississippi (AA)	.299	90	355	50	106	6	36	24	34	20
26	Dan Uggla	R-R	5-11	205	3/11/80	ATLANTA	.233	161	600	88	140	36	82	62	156	1
	Jack Wilson	R-R	6-0	190	12/29/77	ATLANTA	.220	17	41	3	9	0	0	1	12	0
						SEATTLE	.249	62	173	22	43	0	11	9	27	5
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
24	Michael Bourn	L-R	5-11	180	12/27/82	ATLANTA	.278	53	227	30	63	1	18	15	50	22
						HOUSTON	.303	105	429	64	130	1	32	38	90	39
17	Jose Constanza	L-L	5-9	150	9/1/83	ATLANTA	.303	42	109	21	33	2	10	6	14	7
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.312	86	333	47	104	1	25	25	41	23
23	Matt Diaz	R-R	6-0	215	3/3/78	ATLANTA	.286	16	35	2	10	0	1	1	8	1
						PITTSBURGH	.259	100	216	14	56	0	19	11	44	4
22	Jason Heyward	L-L	6-5	240	8/9/89	ATLANTA	.227	128	396	50	90	14	42	51	93	9
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.167	2	6	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
20	Eric Hinske	L-R	6-2	235	8/5/77	ATLANTA	.233	117	236	24	55	10	28	26	71	0
14	Martin Prado	R-R	6-1	190	10/27/83	ATLANTA	.260	129	551	66	143	13	57	34	52	4
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.176	6	17	2	3	0	1	3	5	0
						Mississippi (AA)	.222	2	9	2	2	0	2	1	1	0



MIAMI MARLINS

**2012
PREDICTION**

4TH

NL EAST

**2011
RECORD
72-90**

HOME: 31-47 ROAD: 41-43

TEAM STADIUM

Sun Life Stadium

TICKETS CAPACITY

877-MARLINS 38,560

TEAM WEBSITE

florida.marlins.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 71 5th

2008 84 3rd

2009 87 2nd

2010 80 3rd

2011 72 5th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ SS Jose Reyes

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ RP Heath Bell



BUY LOW ♦ OF Logan Morrison

SELL HIGH ♦ OF Chris Coghlan

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SP Josh Johnson

IPO ♦ 3B Matt Dominguez

FUTURES MARKET ♦ OF Christian Yelich

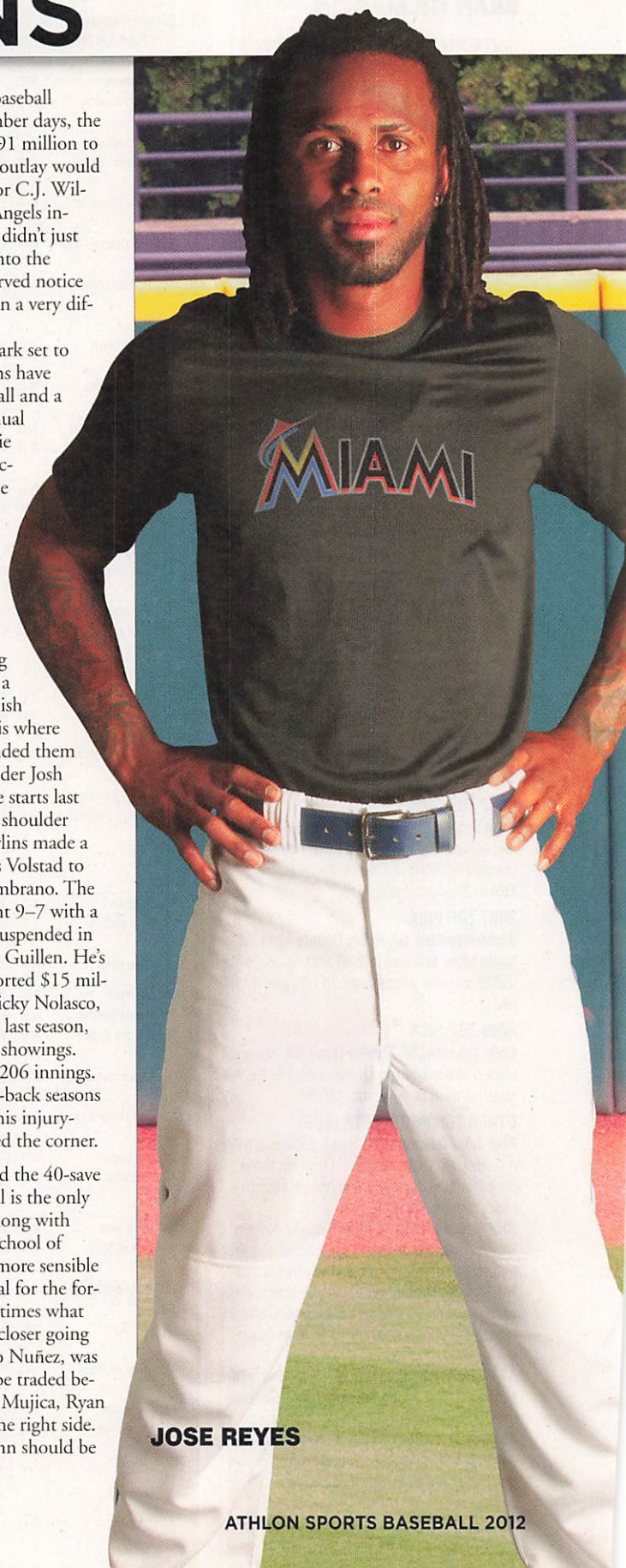
INSIDER TIP ♦ The new park will probably cater more to Reyes' game than Mike Stanton's, but the latter's numbers will resemble those of a pre-1998 Sosa or McGwire, regardless.

It was the spending spree heard 'round the baseball world. In the span of a few dizzying December days, the newly recast Miami Marlins shelled out \$191 million to sign three prominent free agents. And that outlay would have been even richer if Albert Pujols and/or C.J. Wilson hadn't spurned the Marlins to sign with the Angels instead. In the process, Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria didn't just bring Jose Reyes, Mark Buehrle and Heath Bell into the crowded South Florida sports scene. Loria also served notice that these new Marlins would be doing business in a very different sort of way.

With a new 37,000-seat, retractable-roof ballpark set to open this season in downtown Miami, the Marlins have gone from the team with the worst lease in baseball and a starter-kit payroll to a legitimate factor in the annual race for top-shelf talent. And to think, when Ozzie Guillen was brought in as the new manager to succeed the retiring Jack McKeon at season's end, one of the first questions was about ownership's willingness to spend on player payroll.

ROTATION One of the biggest reasons the Marlins lost 90 games in 2011, second-most in Loria's nine seasons as owner, was another disappointing performance by the starting rotation. Signing Buehrle, author of 11 straight 200-inning seasons, to a four-year, \$58 million contract, was a great place to start. But if the Marlins want to finish higher than 12th in ERA as a rotation — which is where their 4.23 ERA and 42–60 cumulative record landed them last season — they will need to keep ace righthander Josh Johnson healthy. Johnson was limited to just nine starts last season as his comeback from early season shoulder woes kept getting pushed back. The Marlins made a splash in early January by shipping Chris Volstad to Chicago for embattled starter Carlos Zambrano. The team is hoping that Zambrano, who went 9–7 with a 4.82 ERA with the Cubs before he was suspended in August, will thrive playing for his friend, Guillen. He's a risk, though the Cubs are paying a reported \$15 million of his \$18 million salary in 2012. Ricky Nolasco, who signed a three-year extension before last season, tested the club's patience with his erratic showings. However, Nolasco still led the staff with 206 innings. Anibal Sanchez has put together back-to-back seasons of 195-plus innings for the first time in his injury-plagued career and appears to have turned the corner.

BULLPEN Sixteen closers have reached the 40-save mark over the past three seasons, but Bell is the only one to do it three years running. That, along with Bell's degree from the Trevor Hoffman School of Closer Leadership, made it seem a little more sensible to authorize a three-year, \$27 million deal for the former Padres closer. That's two-and-a-half times what the Marlins had ever paid their primary closer going into a season. Juan Oviedo, formerly Leo Nuñez, was displaced by the Bell signing and could be traded before spring training. That leaves Edward Mujica, Ryan Webb and Steve Cishek to set up from the right side. Veteran Randy Choate and Michael Dunn should be the primary options from the left side.



JOSE REYES

DIFFERENCE MAKER HANLEY RAMIREZ

The Marlins are a different team when Ramirez is healthy and productive. That was rarely the case in 2011, when the All-Star shortstop and former batting champion suffered through the worst statistical season of his career. With Jose Reyes imported to replace Ramirez at shortstop, it will be interesting to see how the self-styled HR2 responds to a position change (to third base) and also to no longer being the highest-paid player on the team. Ramirez is expected to be healthy after undergoing surgery on his left shoulder last September.

MIDDLE INFIELD Reyes should be a defensive upgrade over Hanley Ramirez, who still managed to lead the team in errors (14) despite missing 70 games last year. Pairing Reyes with second baseman Omar Infante, who re-upped for two years at \$8 million total, should give the Marlins a chance to shine up the middle. Infante ranked fourth in range factor among all big league second basemen, a tribute in part to longtime infield guru Perry Hill, who retired after the season. Offensively, Reyes is just the dynamic sort of leadoff presence Guillen wanted for his lineup. However, the Marlins training staff will have to do a better job of keeping him on the field than their Mets counterparts did over the years.

CORNERS Don't believe the hype. No, Ramirez didn't demand a trade or a fat contract extension in the wake of the Reyes signing. That's not to say Ramirez was ecstatic about being asked to change positions after six full seasons in the majors, but he's professional enough to understand what's at stake this season — both personally and for this franchise. Coming off surgery on his left shoulder will make it tougher for Ramirez to make the transition to the hot corner, but he's a good enough athlete to figure it out. If he does it sooner than later, the left side of the Marlins' infield should have ridiculous range. Gaby Sanchez returns at first base after the push for Pujols fell about \$50 million short. There won't be any hard feelings there, not after Sanchez followed his first All-Star selection with a miserable second half at the plate. Defensively, Sanchez has come a long way from prior experiments at third and behind the plate in the minors.

OUTFIELD What opened the year as the third-youngest outfield trio since 1990 still has a bright future. Who occupies the middle spot in that future, however, has become an open question after injuries and lost momentum got Chris Coghlan sent back to Triple-A. The former NL Rookie of the Year (2009) will have to battle Emilio Bonifacio, Bryan Petersen and possibly an outside option or two come spring training. The good news is that Mike Stanton returns in right field, and Logan Morrison, borderline tweets and all, is due back in left. That pair combined for 38 percent of the Marlins' power production. Stanton is expected to take dead aim on that quirky, light-up sculpture the team is planning to unveil in left-center field at the new ballpark. He certainly figures to be the one to make it spin and blink more than anyone else in Marlins colors.

CATCHING John Buck's offense was about what most expected it would be after he was signed away from Toronto and the hitter-friendly American League. He still gave the Marlins the defense and staff leadership they hoped for when they gave him a three-year, \$18 million deal. That 17 percent success rate against opposing base-stealers needs work, though, as a whopping 83

STATISTICIAN

- 28 Marlins rank in home attendance after averaging 19,007 fans in their final season at Sun Life Stadium. Only the Rays and A's were worse.
- 286 Marlins' winning percentage against the six 2011 playoff teams they faced, including interleague play.
- 12-24 Marlins' combined record against the Phillies and Braves, the top two teams in the National League East.
- 23 June losses for the 2011 Marlins, most for a single month in franchise history.
- 11 Consecutive losses for the Marlins during the month of June, tying the 108-loss Marlins of 1998 (who did it twice) for longest losing streak in club history.
- 13 Rookies the Marlins used last season, including eight pitchers.
- 23.6 Average age of the 2011 Marlins' Opening Day outfield, third-youngest since 1990.

MARLINS

BATTING ORDER

SS	Jose Reyes (S)	His addition gives Marlins two of the past three NL batting champions.
2B	Omar Infante (R)	Slick fielder with range who led the league with 17 sacrifice bunts.
3B	Hanley Ramirez (R)	His .243 average was down nearly 100 points from his career-high .342 mark in 2009.
RF	Mike Stanton (R)	Prodigious power hitter ranked fifth in the NL with 34 homers.
LF	Logan Morrison (L)	On-base percentage dipped 60 points during injury-plagued sophomore season.
1B	Gaby Sanchez (R)	Of his 19 home runs in 2011, only six of them came in the second half.
C	John Buck (R)	Ranked last in OPS among 14 NL catchers with at least 275 plate appearances.
CF	Emilio Bonifacio (S)	Played six different positions last year, showing up everywhere but catcher and first base.

BENCH

OF	Chris Coghlan (L)	Former NL Rookie of the Year has struggled with knee, defensive problems.
C	Brett Hayes (R)	Has thrown out 28 percent of attempted base-stealers the past two seasons.
OF	Bryan Petersen (L)	Was successful on seven of eight stolen base attempts.
INF	Donnie Murphy (R)	Right wrist injury wiped out four months of his 2011 season.
INF	Greg Dobbs (L)	Posted a .919 OPS in 30 pinch-hit plate appearances last season.

ROTATION

RH	Josh Johnson	ERA has dropped four straight seasons, but must prove he can stay healthy after elbow, shoulder woes.
LH	Mark Buehrle	Has produced 11 straight seasons of 200-plus innings since becoming a starter.
RH	Ricky Nolasco	Led the National League in hits allowed with 244, one more than Chris Carpenter.
RH	Carlos Zambrano	Three-time All-Star has plenty of baggage, but has the ability to win 15 games in Miami.
RH	Anibal Sanchez	Led regular Marlins rotation in ERA and strikeouts, ranking sixth in the league in the latter category.

BULLPEN

RH	Heath Bell (Closer)	Only big league closer with 40 or more saves each of the past three seasons.
LH	Randy Choate	Veteran specialist held lefties to .453 OPS before elbow injury shelved him in August.
RH	Juan Oviedo	The deposed closer formerly known as Leo Nunez averaged 30.7 saves the past three years.
LH	Michael Dunn	Ex-Brave's strikeout rate fell off by 24 percent despite staying in the NL East.
RH	Edward Mujica	Strikeout/walk ratio of 4.5/1 was easily the best on the staff.
RH	Steve Cishek	Durable sidewinder struck out 9.1 batters per nine innings in 2011.
RH	Ryan Webb	Sinkerballer pitches to contact but keeps the ball in the park — gave up two HRs in 51 innings.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Barring a surprise run at Cuban defector Yoenis Cespedes, the Marlins are likely to stage a wide-open competition this spring for their starting center field job. Seven different players saw action there in 2011, including utilityman Emilio Bonifacio (16 games), former NL Rookie of the Year Chris Coghlan (65 games) and Bryan Petersen (42 games). If Bonifacio wins the center field job, the role of backup middle infielder is wide open as well. There will also be competition for the final few spots in the bullpen.

STATLINE



HIGHEST LINE DRIVE % ALLOWED, 2009-11

1. Ricky Nolasco, Marlins 21.8
- 2t. Livan Hernandez, Nationals 21.5
- 2t. Jason Hammell, Rockies 21.5
4. Aaron Harang, Padres 21.3
5. Edwin Jackson, WSox-Cards .. 20.7 (min. 400 IP)



MARLINS

SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			STL	CIN	CIN	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CIN	PHI		PHI	PHI	HOU	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
HOU	CHC	CHC	CHC	WAS	WAS	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
WAS		NYM	NYM	NYM	ARI	ARI
29	30					
ARI	ARI					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		SF	SF	SF	SD	SD
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SD	HOU	HOU	HOU	NYM	NYM	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
NYM	PIT	PIT	ATL	ATL	CLE	CLE
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
CLE	COL	COL	COL	SF	SF	SF
27	28	29	30	31		
SF	WAS	WAS	WAS			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					PHI	PHI
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PHI		ATL	ATL	ATL	TB	TB
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
TB	BOS	BOS	BOS		TB	TB
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
TB		BOS	BOS	BOS	TOR	TOR
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TOR	STL	STL	STL	PHI	PHI	

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PHI	MIL	MIL	MIL	MIL	STL	STL
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
STL					WAS	WAS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
WAS	WAS	CHC	CHC	CHC	PIT	PIT
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
PIT	ATL	ATL	ATL		SD	SD
29	30	31				
SD	ATL	ATL				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			ATL	ATL	WAS	WAS
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
WAS		NYM	NYM	NYM	LAD	LAD
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LAD	PHI	PHI	PHI	COL	COL	COL
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
COL	ARI	ARI	ARI	ARI	LAD	LAD
26	27	28	29	30	31	
LAD		WAS	WAS	NYM		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						NYM
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NYM	MIL	MIL	MIL	MIL	WAS	WAS
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
WAS	PHI	PHI	PHI	CIN	CIN	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CIN	ATL	ATL	ATL	NYM	NYM	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
NYM		ATL	ATL	ATL	PHI	PHI
30	1	2	3			
PHI	NYM	NYM	NYM			



the previous five years (2007-11). Most of that change, no doubt, was tied to the new revenue streams that will accompany the long-awaited ballpark. However, there's no denying the magnetic pull of Guillen. His strong relationship with Buehrle helped lure the durable lefty away from the Midwest, and his reputation as a player's manager was cited by Reyes and Bell upon their signings as well. The front-office team of Larry Beinfest, Michael Hill and personnel man Dan Jennings has had to do more with less for so long that it should be interesting to see what kind of damage they can do now that the spending field has been evened up a bit.

FINAL ANALYSIS For all the hype about the Marlins' offseason spending, the biggest factor in their ability to roar out of the NL East basement is the health of a pair of holdovers. Get 30 starts out of Johnson atop the rotation and 500 at-bats from a motivated Ramirez at third, and the possibilities for 2012 start to look pretty bright. If nothing else, having Guillen as the daily public spokesman for the franchise will keep them relevant and entertaining, regardless of the standings. After acting like a small-market franchise for virtually all of their two-decade existence, it's a refreshing change to see the Marlins fall in line with such big-spending Miami brethren as the Heat and the Dolphins. Perhaps that third World Series crown isn't as far off as some had started to believe.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

MIAMI MARLINS

BETTER BUNTER For the first few years of his big league career, Emilio Bonifacio was a shockingly poor bunter. Despite Ichiro-level speed from the left-handed batter's box, the switch-hitting Bonifacio never could take advantage of that offensive tool until last season. Interim manager Jack McKeon challenged Bonifacio to become a better bunter upon his arrival in June, and it paid off with league-high 16 bunt hits. Bonifacio bunted .593, was a perfect 11-for-11 in sacrifice bunt attempts and was awarded the Flat Bat Award by sabermetrician John Dewan.

EARLY BLOOMER Less than two full seasons into his big league career, Marlins right fielder Mike Stanton already has 56 home runs. He reached that number before turning 22 in November. Just three players in big league history have hit more homers before reaching that age: Mel Ott, Eddie Mathews and Frank Robinson. All three men are in the Hall of Fame, and Robinson, who began his career in 1956, was the most recent.

bags were swiped on his watch. In Buck's defense, he caught a career-high 1,144 innings and was working for the first time in the South Florida heat.

BENCH The best place for Bonifacio, considering his versatility, is probably the same super-utility role he's held the past few years. However, in light of his offensive growth, he will be given a chance to secure the starting job in center field. If that happens, Donnie Murphy could be the main option at utility infield, with Petersen and Scott Cousins back for outfield depth. Backup catcher Brett Hayes is a glove-first type whose bat likely limits his upside, but he handled himself well in his first full big league season. Greg Dobbs signed a two-year deal in January to serve as the team's primary left-handed pinch hitter.

MANAGEMENT How different was this Marlins offseason? Put it this way: That \$191 million was just \$3 million shy of what the Marlins had spent to field their entire teams

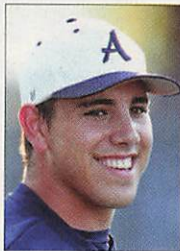
WIZARD OF OZZ Ozzie Guillen returns to the Marlins not just with a well-earned reputation for humorous quotes but also with some pretty impressive company on the managerial achievement lists. With 678 career dugout wins over the past eight seasons with the White Sox, Guillen ranks 10th among active managers in that department. His .524 career winning percentage ranks him seventh among active skipper, and only six other active managers have guided a team to a World Series title. All of those, like Guillen, have exactly one World Series win, including two of Guillen's Marlins predecessors: Jim Leyland and Joe Girardi.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION A pair of young Marlins prospects, Bryan Petersen and Matt Dominguez, attended Chatsworth (Calif.) High School, which happens to be the same school that produced Marlins president of baseball operations Larry Beinfest. Both Petersen, an outfielder, and Dominguez, a slick-fielding third baseman, were taken in the first four rounds of the 2007 draft.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK JOSE FERNANDEZ

A Cuban defector who came to the U.S. with his mother and sister in 2008, Fernandez, a right-handed pitcher, quickly learned English and led his Tampa high school to two state titles in three years. Drafted 14th overall last June, he signed at the Aug. 15 deadline for \$2 million, causing the Marlins to spend over the recommended slot for that selection. That gave



Fernandez enough time for just two starts in the low minors, and the Marlins remain intrigued by his power repertoire. His fastball touches 97 and sits at 92-95 mph. His curveball and slider are plus weapons for him as well, and he's working on his changeup. At 6'3", 215 pounds, he has a physicality that serves him well on the mound. Look for him to open 2012 at Low-A Greensboro. He profiles as an eventual No. 2 starter once he reaches the majors.

2010 TOP PICK

Christian Yelich, LF, Westlake Village (Calif.) HS Smooth lefty swing evokes comparisons to Will Clark and his defense keeps improving. On track to reach the majors by sometime in 2013.

2009 TOP PICK

Chad James, LHP, Yukon (Okla.) HS Suffered through an 0-13 start at Class A Jupiter last season, where his stuff was down a tick or two. But the basic repertoire remains encouraging.

2008 TOP PICK

Kyle Skipworth, C, Patriot (Calif.) HS Though the leadership skills remain, the bat just hasn't come around the way it was supposed to when Skipworth went one pick after Buster Posey.

2007 TOP PICK

Matt Dominguez, 3B, Chatsworth (Calif.) HS Light-hitting glove man flopped his spring audition last year, when the job was his for the taking. Now Hanley Ramirez is in his way.

2006 TOP PICK

Brett Sinkbeil, RHP, Missouri State Went 19-25 with nagging injuries in his first five seasons and was released last spring. Spent last year in the Pirates system.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

OF Marcell Ozuna (21) Strong-armed right fielder shows raw power and some speed on the basepaths too. He should open 2012 in the Florida State League.

C J.T. Realmuto (21) Former prep quarterback has blown past Kyle Skipworth on the organizational depth chart.

LHP Adam Conley (21) Second-rounder in 2011 is a former closer with a funky delivery and a fastball that has touched 97 mph.

LHP Rob Rasmussen (22) Former second-rounder shows a plus fastball and a sharp slider.

2B Noah Perio (20) Former 39th-rounder has worked his way into the Marlins' top middle-infield prospect.

MARLINS ROSTER

General Manager: Michael Hill **Manager:** Ozzie Guillen **Coaches:** Joey Cora (bench), Reid Cornelius (bullpen), Joey Espada (third base), Eduardo Perez (batting), Randy St. Claire (pitching), Gary Thurman (first base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
21	Heath Bell	R-R	6-2	250	9/29/77	SAN DIEGO	3-4	2.44	64	0	43	62.2	51	21	51	
	Ramon Benjamin	R-L	6-2	180	6/14/87	Jacksonville (AA)	2-2	4.64	16	0	0	21.1	30	12	16	
						Jupiter (A)	5-1	3.29	27	0	1	41.0	36	19	37	
56	Mark Buehrle	L-L	6-2	220	3/29/79	CHICAGO AL	13-9	3.59	31	31	0	205.1	221	45	109	
72	Arquimedes Caminero	R-R	6-4	239	6/16/87	GCL Marlins (R)	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	1.0	2	1	2	
50	Jose Ceda	R-R	6-4	280	1/28/87	MIAMI	0-1	4.43	17	0	0	20.1	16	12	21	
						New Orleans (AAA)	3-1	1.36	36	0	27	39.2	30	13	53	
35	Randy Choate	L-L	6-1	210	9/5/75	MIAMI	1-1	1.82	54	0	0	24.2	13	13	31	
66	Steve Cishek	R-R	6-6	218	6/18/86	MIAMI	2-1	2.63	45	0	3	54.2	45	19	55	
						New Orleans (AAA)	1-1	2.35	15	0	0	23.0	18	12	19	
40	Mike Dunn	L-L	6-1	207	5/23/85	MIAMI	5-6	3.43	72	0	0	63.0	51	31	68	
52	Brad Hand	L-L	6-3	200	3/20/90	MIAMI	1-8	4.20	12	12	0	60.0	53	35	38	
						Jacksonville (AA)	11-4	3.40	19	18	0	108.2	90	50	71	
						Jupiter (A)	0-1	7.20	1	1	0	5.0	5	5	4	
39	Chris Hatcher	S-R	6-2	206	1/12/85	MIAMI	0-0	6.97	11	0	0	10.1	14	4	8	
						Jacksonville (AA)	2-1	1.90	42	0	6	47.1	32	19	57	
	Dan Jennings	L-L	6-3	190	4/17/87	New Orleans (AAA)	1-3	7.04	24	0	2	30.2	34	17	27	
						Jacksonville (AA)	4-1	3.16	21	0	2	25.2	26	11	29	
55	Josh Johnson	L-R	6-7	248	1/31/84	MIAMI	3-1	1.64	9	9	0	60.1	39	20	56	
	Tom Koehler	R-R	6-3	225	6/29/86	New Orleans (AAA)	12-7	4.97	28	28	0	150.1	144	79	116	
49	Wade LeBlanc	L-L	6-3	214	8/7/84	SAN DIEGO	5-6	4.63	14	14	0	79.2	84	28	51	
						Tucson (AAA)	9-1	4.30	17	17	0	106.2	108	28	92	
34	Edward Mujica	R-R	6-2	223	5/10/84	MIAMI	9-6	2.96	67	0	0	76.0	64	14	63	
47	Ricky Nolasco	R-R	6-2	223	12/13/82	MIAMI	10-12	4.67	33	33	0	206.0	244	44	148	
46	Juan Oviedo	R-R	6-2	188	3/15/82	MIAMI	1-4	4.06	68	0	36	64.1	57	21	55	
70	Omar Poveda	R-R	6-4	231	9/28/87	Jacksonville (AA)	8-6	4.32	27	27	0	156.1	153	54	116	
71	Evan Reed	R-R	6-4	231	12/31/85	Jupiter (A)	0-1	4.02	11	0	0	15.0	9	10	13	
						GCL Marlins (R)	0-0	3.12	8	3	0	8.2	15	0	11	
65	Sandy Rosario	R-R	6-1	208	8/22/85	MIAMI	0-0	2.45	4	0	0	3.2	5	2	2	
						New Orleans (AAA)	0-1	4.05	7	0	4	6.2	5	5	4	
						Jacksonville (AA)	3-2	4.15	46	0	23	47.2	52	17	46	
59	Alex Sanabia	R-R	6-2	205	9/8/88	MIAMI	0-0	3.27	3	2	0	11.0	13	3	8	
						New Orleans (AAA)	0-3	7.89	4	4	0	21.2	35	3	13	
						Jupiter (A)	0-2	5.73	2	2	0	11.0	13	0	1	
						GCL Marlins (R)	0-0	0.00	3	3	0	8.0	5	0	5	
19	Anibal Sanchez	R-R	6-0	205	2/27/84	MIAMI	8-9	3.67	32	32	0	196.1	187	64	202	
37	Elih Villanueva	R-R	6-2	229	7/27/86	MIAMI	0-1	24.00	1	1	0	3.0	5	5	2	
						New Orleans (AAA)	7-11	5.35	28	28	0	165.0	199	59	105	
58	Ryan Webb	R-R	6-6	228	2/5/86	MIAMI	2-4	3.20	53	0	0	50.2	48	20	31	
						Jupiter (A)	1-0	2.70	3	1	0	3.1	4	3	3	
						GCL Marlins (R)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	2.0	2	0	2	
45	Sean West	R-L	6-8	255	6/15/86	New Orleans (AAA)	5-8	5.59	17	17	0	87.0	103	46	56	
38	Carlos Zambrano	S-R	6-5	270	6/1/81	CHICAGO NL	9-7	4.82	24	24	0	145.2	154	56	101	
						Peoria (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	4.0	3	3	4	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
14	John Buck	R-R	6-3	237	7/7/80	MIAMI	.227	140	466	41	106	16	57	54	115	0
9	Brett Hayes	R-R	6-1	201	2/13/84	MIAMI	.231	64	130	19	30	5	16	11	39	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
29	Greg Dobbs	L-R	6-1	205	7/2/78	MIAMI	.275	134	411	38	113	8	49	22	83	0
54	Matt Dominguez	R-R	6-1	205	8/28/89	MIAMI	.244	17	45	2	11	0	2	2	8	0
						New Orleans (AAA)	.258	87	325	47	84	12	55	24	50	0
						Jacksonville (AA)	.133	4	15	1	2	0	1	3	2	0
						Jupiter (A)	.167	4	18	0	3	0	2	1	3	0
13	Omar Infante	R-R	6-0	185	12/26/81	MIAMI	.276	148	579	55	160	7	49	34	57	4
						Jupiter (A)	.600	1	5	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
22	Donnie Murphy	R-R	5-10	195	3/10/83	MIAMI	.185	36	92	10	17	2	9	4	21	0
						New Orleans (AAA)	.087	6	23	3	2	0	2	3	4	0
						Jupiter (A)	.130	8	23	4	3	0	2	5	6	0
2	Hanley Ramirez	R-R	6-3	230	12/23/83	MIAMI	.243	92	338	55	82	10	45	44	66	20
						Jupiter (A)	.476	6	21	6	10	0	4	1	2	1
7	Jose Reyes	S-R	6-0	180	6/11/83	NEW YORK NL	.337	126	537	101	181	7	44	43	41	39
						Binghamton (AA)	.333	3	9	3	3	1	1	1	0	0
						Brooklyn (A)	.333	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	Gaby Sanchez	R-R	6-1	222	9/2/83	MIAMI	.266	159	572	72	152	19	78	74	97	3
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1	Emilio Bonifacio	S-R	5-11	200	4/23/85	MIAMI	.296	152	565	78	167	5	36	59	129	40
8	Chris Coghlan	L-R	6-0	202	6/18/85	MIAMI	.230	65	269	33	62	5	22	22	49	7
						New Orleans (AAA)	.245	15	53	11	13	1	7	8	5	3
						Jacksonville (AA)	.211	5	19	3	4	0	0	4	1	0
						Jupiter (A)	.343	10	35	4	12	0	2	5	5	1
33	Scott Cousins	L-L	6-1	208	1/22/85	MIAMI	.135	48	52	5	7	1	4	6	21	1
						New Orleans (AAA)	.222	2	9	1	2	0	1	1	3	0
						Jupiter (A)	.308	5	13	2	4	0	2	3	4	0
						Jacksonville (AA)	.260	130	503	87	131	8	49	58	127	38
20	Kevin Mattison	L-L	6-2	195	9/20/85	MIAMI	.247	123	462	54	114	23	72	54	99	2
						New Orleans (AAA)	.167	6	24	3	4	1	5	2	4	0
						Jupiter (A)	.200	3	10	2	2	1	3	3	4	0
16	Bryan Petersen	L-R	6-0	207	4/9/86	MIAMI	.265	74	204	18	54	2	10	26	49	7
						New Orleans (AAA)	.351	67	248	47	87	11	26	36	41	6
27	Mike Stanton	R-R	6-5	248	11/8/89	MIAMI	.262	150	516	79	135	34	87	70	166	5



NEW YORK METS

**2012
PREDICTION**

5TH

NL EAST

**2011
RECORD**
77-85

HOME: 34-47 ROAD: 43-38

TEAM STADIUM

Citi Field

TICKETS CAPACITY
718-507-TIXX 45,000

TEAM WEBSITE

newyork.mets.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	88	2nd
2008	89	2nd
2009	70	4th
2010	79	4th
2011	77	4th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 3B David Wright

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP R.A. Dickey

BUY LOW ♦ 1B Ike Davis

SELL HIGH ♦ 2B Justin Turner



MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SP Johan Santana

IPO ♦ OF Juan Lagares

FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Matt Harvey

INSIDER TIP ♦ The Mets calculated they would have hit 81 more homers from 2009-11 at Citi Field had it been configured as it will be in 2012. That's big news for Wright, Davis and Jason Bay.

The Phillies rule the division. The Braves are loaded with pitching. The Marlins spent big in the winter. And the Nationals have dynamic young stars. The Mets? They'll show up — as long as they keep getting loans to keep the business up and running, anyway. There's little reason for optimism at Citi Field, where attendance is slipping fast and only blind loyalists expect the Mets to avoid the basement of the National League East.

ROTATION For all of their injury woes, the Mets somehow had five starters make at least 25 starts apiece last season, which is often a predictor of success. Problem was, their five were decidedly mediocre, going 50-55, with only one starter, knuckleballer R.A. Dickey, posting an ERA below 4.40. Four of the five will return this season, with ace Johan Santana taking the place of Chris Capuano, a one-year fill-in who led the team in strikeouts and then signed with the Dodgers. Serious shoulder surgery limited Santana to only two starts for Class A St. Lucie last season, and the Mets are cautiously hopeful that he will be ready for Opening Day. That may be asking too much, but it seems at least as likely as Dillon Gee, Jonathon Niese and Mike Pelfrey all rising from back- to front-end kind of starters. Gee, Niese and Pelfrey struggled on the road, and they could be exposed this season, with outfield fences now normalized at Citi Field. Dickey, improbably, is the old reliable, finishing the season with 12 quality starts in a row. At \$4.25 million this season, Dickey is doubly rare for the Mets: a good player, and an actual bargain.

BULLPEN The Mets needed a bullpen makeover after their 2011 group posted a 4.33 ERA to rank 28th out of 30 teams, ahead of only the Astros and the Twins. So in a market rich with closers, the Mets decided it was wiser to spread their limited funds on multiple arms rather than one big name for the ninth inning. To that end, they signed Jon Rauch and Frank Francisco while trading for Ramon Ramirez, all on the same night at the winter meetings. Rauch and Ramirez (one of the most underrated and reliable relievers of the last few years) should be capable set-up men for Francisco, who cost \$12 million over two years after a dominant second half with Toronto. Francisco is a hard thrower, combining a splitter with a fastball that averages more than 94 miles per hour. He has 368 career strikeouts in 334 career innings. Holdovers Manny Acosta, Pedro Beato and Bobby Parnell offer depth in the middle innings, while Tim Lincecum is a useful lefty and D.J. Carrasco serves as the long man.

MIDDLE INFIELD The Mets made little effort to retain Jose Reyes, understanding that they could never match the motivated, cash-rich Miami Marlins. So Reyes moved on, for six years and \$106 million, leaving the Mets with Ruben Tejada in his place. As backup plans go, it's not too bad — Tejada is only 22 and had a .360 on-



DAVID WRIGHT

ATHLON SPORTS BASEBALL 2012

DIFFERENCE MAKER JOHAN SANTANA

The Mets are sinking \$24 million into the left arm of Santana for 2012, and after a season lost to recovery from shoulder surgery, they need him to be the ace of old. But Santana will have to do it in a different way. The complicated surgery, to repair a torn anterior capsule, presents the toughest challenge of Santana's career, and without a contending team to return to, he must summon all of his inner competitiveness and mound moxie to approach his old dominance and give the Mets a clear edge every time he works.

base percentage while accumulating 376 plate appearances last season. At second base, the Mets want Daniel Murphy's bat in the lineup and will do all they can to make the position feel natural to him. Last spring, Murphy hoppedscotched around the infield and did not have a set position. "This spring going in," manager Terry Collins says, "if we concentrate and say, 'Hey, look, you're going to get the majority of your playing time at second base,' I think you're going to see a little bit more comfort when he takes the field."

CORNERS Owner Fred Wilpon stung David Wright early last season by telling *The New Yorker* that Wright was not a superstar. It was a rude thing to say about the team's marquee player, who never seems to turn down a charity appearance on behalf of the team — but it was pretty much accurate. Before the Mets moved to Citi Field, Wright had four consecutive seasons with an OPS of .912 or better. In the three years at their new home, his highest OPS is .856. The Mets have brought in the fences this season, which could help Wright rediscover his opposite-field stroke, and they have to hope he moves better in the field after missing time last season with a stress fracture in his back. First baseman Ike Davis never played after May 10 because of a serious ankle injury, but he should be back and ready to resume his career as one of baseball's top young first basemen. He lacks the power of slugging first basemen like Prince Fielder, Ryan Howard, Albert Pujols and Mark Teixeira, but at 25, Davis' career arc is headed in the right direction.

OUTFIELD In hindsight, the Mets' four-year, \$66 million contract for Jason Bay seems quite foolish, as his two Mets seasons have been disastrous. The Mets need Bay to be the offensive threat he once was, and maybe, with the smaller dimensions at home this season, he can again be the run producer a legitimate corner outfield should be. Bay has been adequate in left field, and the Mets believe they've improved defensively in center field with the addition of Andres Torres from the Giants. Torres helped the Giants win the 2010 World Series, but that seems like an aberration in an otherwise ordinary career. Right fielder Lucas Duda thrived after the trade of Carlos Beltran, hitting .315 with a .919 OPS over the final two months of the season. Duda is big and burly, but his bat earns him a spot in the lineup, and with Davis back at first base, right field is the best place to put him.

CATCHING Josh Thole was born Oct. 28, 1986, in Breese, Ill. That same day, in New York City, an estimated 2.2 million people lined the streets of Manhattan for a ticker-tape parade, exulting in the glory of the Mets' World Series championship. Thole would love to be behind the plate the next time the Mets win a title, and at his age, he could have staying power. He held his own in 2011, with a .268 average and 40 runs batted in over 114 games as the Mets' primary catcher. But while Thole caught 44 percent of potential

STATISTICIAN

- 852 Lucas Duda's OPS, best among NL rookies with at least 300 plate appearances in 2011.
- 5 Canadians with more career hits than Jason Bay, a native of Trail, British Columbia — Larry Walker, Jeff Heath, Matt Stairs, Terry Puhl, Jack Graney.
- 126 Games missed by Ike Davis after his ankle sprain and bone bruise on May 10.
- 12 Consecutive quality starts by R.A. Dickey to end the season, tied for the second-longest streak in the majors in 2011, behind Jered Weaver.
- 2 NL pitchers with more than 70 walks in fewer than 170 innings — Houston's J.A. Happ and the Mets' Dillon Gee.
- 16 The height difference, in inches, between righty reliever Jon Rauch, the majors' tallest pitcher, and lefty reliever Danny Herrera, the majors' shortest.
- 2 Home runs allowed by Jonathon Niese against left-handed hitters in 2011.

METS

BATTING ORDER

CF	Andres Torres (S)	Profiles as a classic fourth outfielder who overachieved in 2010, but Mets will see if he's more.
2B	Daniel Murphy (L)	Will work extensively on the fundamentals of second base, to keep bat in lineup and avoid further injury.
3B	David Wright (R)	If traded, his option for 2013 is voided and he can be a free agent after the 2012 season.
RF	Lucas Duda (L)	Must get really tired of opposing PA announcers playing "Camptown Races" when he bats.
LF	Jason Bay (R)	His 18 homers in two Mets seasons are half the total he hit for Boston in 2009.
1B	Ike Davis (L)	Had 20 RBIs in month of April, one of only 12 Mets ever to do so.
C	Josh Thole (L)	After a slow start, hit .299 from May 26 through the end of last season.
SS	Ruben Tejada (R)	If he can maintain his .360 OBP from 2011, he could rise to the top of the order.

BENCH

UT	Scott Hairston (R)	Can play second base or any outfield spot and provides some pop — hit seven HRs in 132 ABs in 2011.
2B	Justin Turner (R)	Hit .350 (35-for-100) with runners in scoring position last season.
INF	Josh Satin (R)	Played at least 20 games at first, second and third in the minors last season, when he hit .323.
C	Mike Nickeas (R)	Didn't hit much at Class AAA, but manager Terry Collins likes his defense and attitude.

ROTATION

LH	Johan Santana	After a year lost to shoulder surgery, how close can he be to the ace of old?
RH	R.A. Dickey	Knuckleballer took a while to establish himself, but has many good years ahead.
RH	Mike Pelfrey	Handed the Opening Day starting job last season — and proved he's not an ace.
LH	Jonathon Niese	Intercostal strain ended a promising season in August; can he move beyond a .500 pitcher?
RH	Dillon Gee	Opponents' batting average went up every month from June through September.

BULLPEN

RH	Frank Francisco (Closer)	New closer's ERA was 5.92 at the All-Star break in 2011, but 1.37 thereafter.
RH	D.J. Carrasco	Had a September to forget, allowing 21 hits in only seven innings.
LH	Tim Lincecum	Across 415 career games, lefties are hitting just .206 off the former Rice Owl.
RH	Pedro Beato	Rule 5 pick started his MLB career with streak of 18.2 innings without allowing an earned run.
RH	Bobby Parnell	Flamethrower averaged more than a strikeout per inning for first time in career.
RH	Manny Acosta	Has a 3.22 ERA in 85 games for the Mets last two seasons, with more strikeouts than innings.
RH	Ramon Ramirez	Of the six pitchers with at least 275 appearances since 2008, Ramirez has the lowest ERA, at 2.77.
RH	Jon Rauch	Physically imposing at 6'10", 290 pounds, but fastball averaged just 89.5 MPH last season.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Terry Collins seemed to write off Daniel Murphy as a second baseman with his blunt assessment of Murphy's positioning on the play that shredded his knee and ended his season last August. "The position his leg was in on that play — I've played a lot of second base, it never was in that position," Collins said. But Murphy was batting .320 at the time and has more upside as a hitter than Justin Turner, who made 71 starts at second. The Mets want Murphy to learn second quickly enough to keep himself safe in the field and become a viable starter. If he can't, Turner is a capable fallback.

STATLINE

MOST LOSSES IN QUALITY STARTS, 2011

1. R.A. Dickey, Mets	8
2t. Mat Latos, Padres	7
2t. Tim Lincecum, Giants	7
2t. Hiroki Kuroda, Dodgers	7
2t. David Price, Rays	7



HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

SCHEDULE

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	ATL	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

MAY

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JULY

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AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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base-stealers in 2010, that figure dropped to 21 percent with more exposure last season. Thole, who was mostly a first baseman early in his minor league career, also led the league in passed balls (16) and admitted to a lack of confidence on defense. Yet with no viable starter ready to supplant him in the system, the Mets will continue to trust in Thole and dream big dreams.

BENCH The Mets have little reason to spend money on their bench, which seems likely to be filled by fringe major leaguers and prospects or non-roster invitees who make a good impression in Port St. Lucie this spring. Justin Turner could see significant playing time at second base, and if Fernando Martinez is around and healthy, he remains an intriguing option in center field, especially late in the season if Torres struggles and the team is out of contention. Scott Hairston is a valuable pinch-hitter with some pop who can play multiple positions.

MANAGEMENT The Mets might not win many games, but it won't be for lack of effort. Collins demands it, and his team displayed plenty of grit to even flirt with .500 last season. General manager Sandy Alderson and a sharp baseball operations staff will try to give Collins pieces to keep the team respectable enough to get the fans back. The real problem for the Mets is ownership, with Wilpon and his brother-in-law, team president Saul Katz, facing the possibility of a jury trial this spring that could cost hundreds of millions of dollars in a lawsuit brought by the trustee for victims of Bernard L. Madoff's Ponzi scheme. A proposed deal with a new minority owner fell through last summer, and the Wilpons continue to seek investors while maintaining majority control of a franchise that incurred \$70 million in losses last year.

FINAL ANALYSIS Until the Mets settle their shaky finances, they will continue to avoid pricey additions, making the development of their mediocre farm system critically important. The upside is that their prospects should have plenty of opportunity to prove themselves, as Davis and Duda have done in recent seasons. But there's hardly enough star power to make the Mets a playoff contender. The Mets already squandered the Reyes era without reaching the World Series. Wright is a proud company man, but at this point he seems to be lingering by the exit.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

NEW YORK METS

LOAN RANGERS The shakiness of the Mets' finances was underscored in the offseason with the news that the team had taken out a \$40 million bank loan. That was on top of the \$25 million loan the Mets received last year from MLB, a debt they have not repaid. The latest cash infusion is intended as a bridge loan to help the Mets stay solvent while they attempt to sell minority shares in the team.

HAPPY 50TH As part of the Mets' 50th anniversary celebration this year, the team will bring back "Banner Day," a tradition that began in 1963 but died out years ago. Once a year, fans would parade around the ballpark between games of a doubleheader, carrying a bedsheet and a homemade message. The Mets said there was a groundswell of support to revive it, and they were confident fans would be appropriate with their messages. (Good luck with that.)

BLACKOUT For years, the Mets had an ingenious look that paid tribute to their National League ancestors: a blue cap for the Brooklyn Dodgers, with

the orange "NY" insignia of the New York Giants. But in the late 1990s, the color black crept into the mix, and became so prominent that it was often the dominant color. The Mets mixed and matched haphazardly for more than a decade, but even when they wore their traditional white pinstriped jerseys, the "Mets" script still had a black drop-shadow. Now, the Mets have removed all traces of black from the home uniforms and the primary road uniforms. While the Mets will retain a black alternate style for selected road games, the color will be eliminated entirely in 2013.

TALL ORDER According to baseball-reference.com, only six players in major league history have ever been 6'10". With the signing of reliever Jon Rauch, the Mets have now had three. The others are Chris Young, who pitched for the Mets last year before a shoulder injury, and Eric Hillman, a lefty who pitched 49 games for the Mets from 1992 to 1994. The others measuring 6'10" include Randy Johnson, Andy Sisco and the Reds' Andrew Brackman.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

BRANDON NIMMO

Before Nimmo, no player from Wyoming had ever been selected in the first round. That makes sense, because Wyoming, like Montana and South Dakota, does not offer high school baseball. But Nimmo's skills were apparent in American Legion ball, and he opened scouts' eyes at an Under Armour All-American Game at Wrigley Field in August 2010. The Mets picked Nimmo 13th overall and paid him \$2.1 million. He homered twice in 10 rookie-ball games, and the club could test him in Low-A this season. The Mets love Nimmo's makeup, and he should develop more power as he grows into his 6'3" frame. He has a strong arm, and despite tearing a knee ligament while playing high school football, he runs very well and projects as the center fielder of the future.



2010 TOP PICK

Matt Harvey, RHP, North Carolina Blazed through his first full pro season with 156 strikeouts in 135.2 innings, and will be closely watched at Class AAA this season.

2009 TOP PICK

Steve Matz, LHP, Melville (N.Y.) HS Underwent Tommy John surgery in 2010 and still has not made his pro debut.

2008 TOP PICK

Ike Davis, 1B, Arizona State Slugger advanced quickly to become a solid force hitting in middle of Mets' lineup; hopes to rebound from 2011 injury.

2007 TOP PICK

Eddie Kunz, RHP, Oregon State Pitched four games for the Mets in 2008 and was traded last March to the Padres, where he struggled in Class AA.

2006 TOP PICK

Kevin Mulvey, RHP, Villanova Traded to the Twins in the Johan Santana deal, he is 0-3, 7.90 in 10 big league games with Minnesota and Arizona.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Zack Wheeler (21) Mets hope he follows path of other San Francisco Giants first-round starters Tim Lincecum, Matt Cain and Madison Bumgarner

RHP Jeurys Familia (22) Had 132 strikeouts in 124 innings between Class A and AA last season; at 22, he's on the doorstep of Citi Field.

OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis (24) Needs more time at Class AAA, but if he keeps up that .403 OBP, he'll be up before long.

OF Juan Lagares (23) Hit a combined .349 with .883 OPS and 71 RBIs over 120 games in Class A and AA last year.

SS Wilmer Flores (20) Went backwards last season in first full year at High-A, hitting .269, but he's only 20.

METS ROSTER

General Manager: Sandy Alderson **Manager:** Terry Collins **Coaches:** Ricky Bones (bullpen), Bob Geren (bench), Tom Goodwin (first base), Dave Hudgens (batting), Tim Teufel (third base), Dan Warthen (pitching)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
36	Manny Acosta	R-R	6-4	213	5/1/81	NEW YORK NL	4-1	3.45	44	0	4	47.0	50	15	46	
						Buffalo (AAA)	1-0	1.77	20	0	4	20.1	13	17	27	
27	Pedro Beato	R-R	6-6	222	10/27/86	NEW YORK NL	2-1	4.30	60	0	0	67.0	59	27	39	
						Buffalo (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.1	2	1	0	
40	Tim Byrdak	L-L	5-11	190	10/31/73	NEW YORK NL	2-1	3.82	72	0	1	37.2	34	19	47	
77	D.J. Carrasco	R-R	6-4	214	4/12/77	NEW YORK NL	1-3	6.02	42	1	0	49.1	67	16	27	
						Buffalo (AAA)	2-3	3.47	9	8	0	46.2	46	17	37	
	Robert Carson	L-L	6-4	230	1/23/89	Binghamton (AA)	4-11	5.05	25	24	0	128.1	154	55	91	
43	R.A. Dickey	R-R	6-2	222	10/29/74	NEW YORK NL	8-13	3.28	33	32	0	208.2	202	54	134	
	Jeurys Familia	R-R	6-3	186	10/10/89	Binghamton (AA)	4-4	3.49	17	17	0	87.2	85	35	96	
						St. Lucie (A)	1-1	1.49	6	6	0	36.1	21	8	36	
	Frank Francisco	R-R	6-2	250	9/11/79	TORONTO	1-4	3.55	54	0	17	50.2	49	18	53	
						Dunedin (A)	0-1	10.80	5	0	0	5.0	6	4	6	
35	Dillon Gee	R-R	6-1	204	4/28/86	NEW YORK NL	13-6	4.43	30	27	0	160.2	150	71	114	
						Buffalo (AAA)	1-1	4.63	2	2	0	11.2	7	5	8	
19	Daniel Herrera	L-L	5-6	165	10/21/84	NEW YORK NL	0-1	1.13	16	0	0	8.0	7	2	5	
						MILWAUKEE	0-0	21.60	2	0	0	1.2	6	1	0	
						Nashville (AAA)	1-0	1.48	29	0	2	42.2	32	8	39	
						Louisville (AAA)	0-4	3.86	17	2	1	18.2	20	7	15	
32	Jenrry Mejia	R-R	6-0	204	10/11/89	Buffalo (AAA)	1-2	2.86	5	5	0	28.1	16	14	21	
49	Jonathon Niese	L-L	6-4	217	10/27/86	NEW YORK NL	11-11	4.40	27	26	0	157.1	178	44	138	
39	Bobby Parnell	R-R	6-4	200	9/8/84	NEW YORK NL	4-6	3.64	60	0	6	59.1	60	27	64	
						Buffalo (AAA)	0-0	3.38	8	0	2	8.0	7	2	11	
						St. Lucie (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	1.0	0	1	0	
	Ramon Ramirez	R-R	5-11	198	8/31/81	SAN FRANCISCO	3-3	2.62	66	0	4	68.2	54	26	66	
	Jon Rauch	R-R	6-10	290	9/27/78	TORONTO	5-4	4.85	53	0	11	52.0	56	14	36	
34	Mike Pelfrey	R-R	6-7	249	1/14/84	NEW YORK NL	7-13	4.74	34	33	0	193.2	220	65	105	
66	Armando Rodriguez	R-R	6-2	248	1/28/88	St. Lucie (A)	4-4	3.96	16	16	0	75.0	60	29	74	
57	Johan Santana	L-L	6-0	208	3/13/79	St. Lucie (A)	0-0	1.80	2	2	0	5.0	5	0	5	
63	Chris Schwinden	R-R	6-3	165	9/22/86	NEW YORK NL	0-2	4.71	4	4	0	21.0	23	6	17	
						Buffalo (AAA)	8-8	3.95	26	26	0	145.2	138	48	134	
						Binghamton (AA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	3.0	2	0	5	
64	Josh Stinson	R-R	6-4	209	3/14/88	NEW YORK NL	0-2	6.92	14	0	1	13.0	14	7	8	
						Buffalo (AAA)	3-7	7.44	13	13	0	61.2	77	33	32	
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13	Mike Nickeas	R-R	6-0	213	2/13/83	NEW YORK NL	.189	21	53	4	10	1	6	4	11	0
						Buffalo (AAA)	.214	60	168	15	36	2	15	16	27	0
30	Josh Thole	L-R	6-1	214	10/28/86	NEW YORK NL	.268	114	340	22	91	3	40	38	47	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
29	Ike Davis	L-L	6-4	231	3/22/87	NEW YORK NL	.302	36	129	20	39	7	25	17	31	0
	Wilmer Flores	R-R	6-3	175	8/6/91	St. Lucie (A)	.269	133	516	52	139	9	81	27	68	2
	Reese Havens	L-R	6-1	195	10/20/86	Binghamton (AA)	.289	58	211	37	61	6	26	27	59	2
65	Zach Lutz	R-R	6-1	222	6/3/86	Buffalo (AAA)	.295	61	220	38	65	11	31	27	70	0
						St. Lucie (A)	.000	2	8	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
28	Daniel Murphy	L-R	6-2	206	4/1/85	NEW YORK NL	.320	109	391	49	125	6	49	24	42	5
3	Josh Satin	R-R	6-2	200	12/23/84	Binghamton (AA)	.325	94	338	60	110	11	60	57	91	2
						Buffalo (AAA)	.317	38	145	17	46	1	16	14	33	1
						NEW YORK NL	.200	15	25	3	5	0	2	1	11	0
11	Ruben Tejada	R-R	5-11	187	10/27/89	NEW YORK NL	.284	96	328	31	93	0	36	35	50	5
						Buffalo (AAA)	.246	54	207	26	51	3	21	19	30	4
2	Justin Turner	R-R	5-11	208	11/23/84	NEW YORK NL	.260	117	435	49	113	4	51	39	59	7
						Buffalo (AAA)	.300	10	40	6	12	0	2	2	6	0
63	Jordany Valdespin	L-R	5-10	190	12/23/87	Buffalo (AAA)	.280	27	107	7	30	2	9	4	25	4
						Binghamton (AA)	.297	107	404	62	120	15	51	21	68	33
5	David Wright	R-R	6-0	209	12/20/82	NEW YORK NL	.254	102	389	60	99	14	61	52	97	13
						St. Lucie (A)	.476	6	21	9	10	0	2	6	3	1
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
44	Jason Bay	R-R	6-2	211	8/20/78	NEW YORK NL	.245	123	444	59	109	12	57	56	109	11
						St. Lucie (A)	.500	4	12	5	6	2	2	4	0	0
21	Lucas Duda	L-R	6-4	254	2/3/86	NEW YORK NL	.292	100	301	38	88	10	50	33	57	1
						Buffalo (AAA)	.302	38	129	22	39	10	24	23	27	0
	Scott Hairston	R-R	6-0	204	5/25/80	NEW YORK NL	.235	79	132	20	31	7	24	11	34	1
	Juan Lagares	R-R	6-2	190	3/17/89	Binghamton (AA)	.370	38	162	21	60	2	22	5	29	10
						St. Lucie (A)	.338	82	308	51	104	7	49	21	47	5
26	Fernando Martinez	L-R	6-1	206	10/10/88	NEW YORK NL	.227	11	22	3	5	1	2	1	7	0
						Buffalo (AAA)	.260	63	223	29	58	8	30	18	60	0
	Kirk Nieuwenhuis	L-R	6-3	215	8/7/87	Buffalo (AAA)	.298	53	188	33	56	6	14	32	59	5
	Cesar Puello	R-R	6-2	195	4/1/91	St. Lucie (A)	.259	117	441	67	114	10	50	18	103	19
56	Andres Torres	S-R	5-9	198	1/26/78	SAN FRANCISCO	.221	112	348	50	77	4	19	42	95	19
						Fresno (AAA)	.273	13	55	10	15	4	11	6	13	1



PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

**2012
PREDICTION**

1st

NL EAST

**2011
RECORD**
102-60

HOME: 52-29 ROAD: 50-31

TEAM STADIUM

Citizens Bank Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

212-463-1000 43,647

TEAM WEBSITE

philadelphia.phillies.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 87 1st

2008 91 1st

2009 90 1st

2010 94 1st

2011 102 1st

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ OF Hunter Pence



HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Roy Halladay

BUY LOW ◇ 2B Chase Utley

SELL HIGH ◇ SP Vance Worley

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ 1B Ryan Howard

IPO ◇ OF Domonic Brown

FUTURES MARKET ◇ SP Trevor May

INSIDER TIP ◇ Neither Brown nor John Mayberry Jr. will prove exceptionally productive in left field. Spend your risk capital elsewhere.

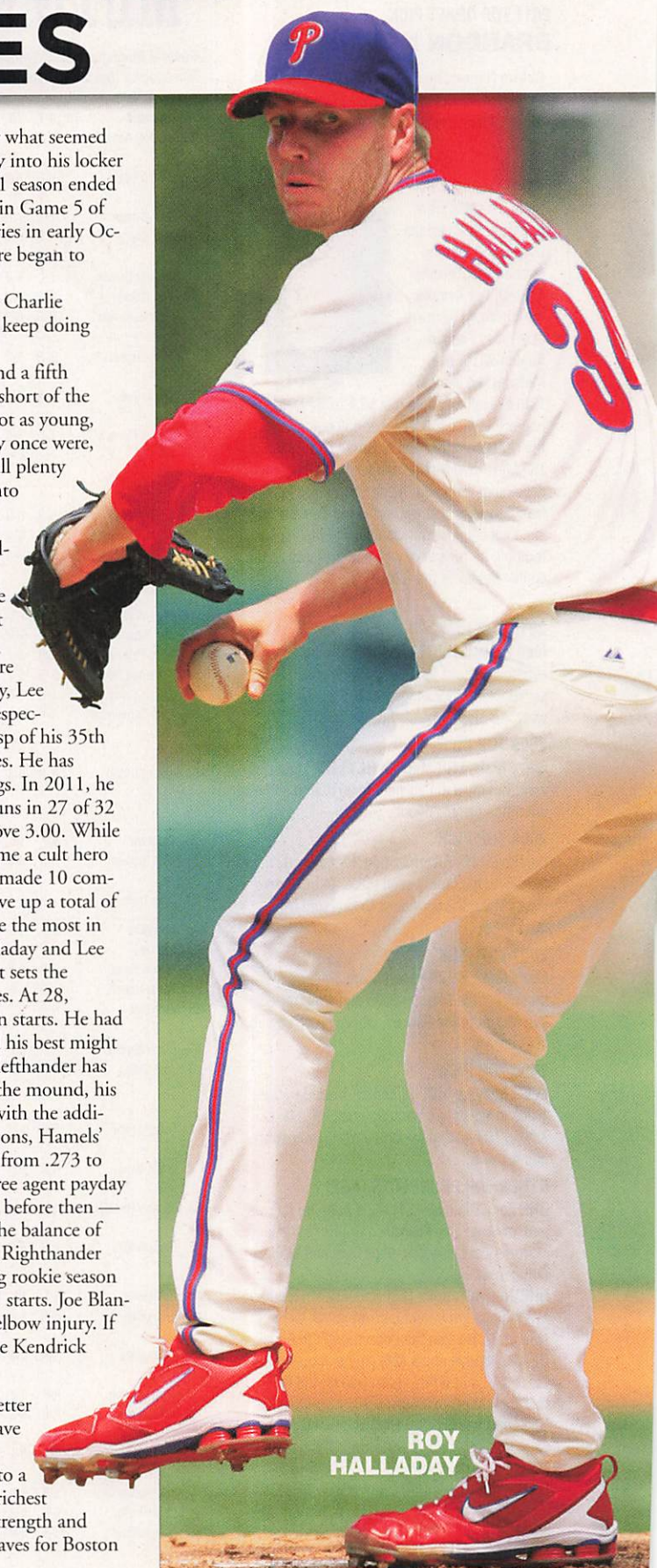
An anguished Roy Halladay sat for what seemed like an eternity and stared blankly into his locker after the Phillies' remarkable 2011 season ended in a painful 1-0 loss to St. Louis in Game 5 of the National League Division Series in early October. Less than two months later, Halladay's fire began to burn again.

"I'm ready to go try again," he told manager Charlie Manuel in a Thanksgiving text message. "If we keep doing this, we're going to win it one of these days."

The Phils won a franchise-best 102 games and a fifth straight NL East title in 2011, but they fell far short of the World Series title that was their goal. They're not as young, physically sound or offensively explosive as they once were, but with a star-studded pitching staff they're still plenty good enough to turn Halladay's text message into gospel and go all the way in 2012.

ROTATION It's the best in baseball with Halladay, Cliff Lee and Cole Hamels in the top three spots. The trio helped the Phils record the best starters' ERA — 2.86 — in the majors last season. That was the best mark by any starting staff since 1985. The group's 932 strikeouts were the most by a starting cast since 2003. Halladay, Lee and Hamels finished second, third and fifth, respectively, in NL Cy Young voting. Even on the cusp of his 35th birthday, Halladay remains one of the game's elites. He has recorded six straight seasons of 220-plus innings. In 2011, he held opposing clubs to three or fewer earned runs in 27 of 32 starts and never had a month with an ERA above 3.00. While consistency is Halladay's calling card, Lee became a cult hero in Philly with some amazing highs. He made 10 combined starts in June and August and gave up a total of three runs. Three. His six shutouts were the most in the majors in a season since 1989. Halladay and Lee both fit the description of an ace. What sets the Phillies apart is that they have three aces. At 28, Hamels has already made 13 postseason starts. He had a career-best 2.79 ERA last season, and his best might still be to come. Between the ears, the lefthander has matured and sharpened his focus. On the mound, his arsenal of pitches now goes four deep with the addition of a cutter. Over the last three seasons, Hamels' opponents' batting average has shrunk from .273 to .237 to .214. A year away from a big free agent payday — the Phils would like to lock him up before then — Hamels seems primed for a big year. The balance of the rotation has youth and experience. Righthander Vance Worley is locked in after a strong rookie season in 2011. The club went 16-5 in his 21 starts. Joe Blanton spent most of 2011 rehabbing an elbow injury. If healthy, he's a strong No. 5. If not, Kyle Kendrick might get a look.

BULLPEN No team closed games better than the Phillies in 2011. Their 85.5 save percentage (47-for-55) was tops in the majors. In signing Jonathan Papelbon to a four-year \$50 million contract — the richest ever for a reliever — the Phils took a strength and made it better. Papelbon averaged 36 saves for Boston



**ROY
HALLADAY**

DIFFERENCE MAKER CHASE UTLEY

The proof is in the numbers. The Phillies' offense is more productive when Utley is in the lineup. Injuries limited Utley to 103 games in 2011, and his production slipped below his career norms. But even in a down year, the five-time All-Star had an impact on the lineup. The Phils averaged 4.84 runs in the 103 games in which he played. Conversely, the team's average number of runs slipped to 3.6 in the 59 games in which he did not play. Moral of the story: The Phils need to have Utley on the field.

over the last six seasons. He was 31-for-34 last year while striking out 87 and allowing just 50 hits and 10 walks in 64.1 innings. The set-up role is a question mark. Hard-throwing lefty Antonio Bastardo was spectacular in the role for five months in 2011 but struggled with control and confidence in September. If Bastardo is over his growing pains, the eighth inning will be in good hands. If not, the Phils will have to hope that aging Jose Contreras can come back strong from elbow surgery. Kendrick, Mike Stutes, David Herndon and Justin De Fratus will all have a chance to earn innings, and veteran lefty Dontrelle Willis will get a shot to re-invent himself as a reliever. This could be an area of flux during the season, but the ninth inning shouldn't be a problem with Papelbon responsible for the final three outs.

MIDDLE INFIELD With their bats and gloves, shortstop Jimmy Rollins and second baseman Chase Utley, both 33, have been pillars on which the best era of Phillies baseball has been built. But as they begin their ninth season together, they may be on the downside. Don't misunderstand: Both players still have good tread on their tires, but they must stay on the field, and that's been a challenge the last two seasons. Rollins, a player who relies on his legs, has been on the disabled list three times with nagging leg injuries, while Utley has missed significant time with a pair of more serious injuries. Chronic right knee tendinitis forced Utley to miss the first 46 games in 2011, and he did not drive the ball with his usual force when he returned. His batting average (.259) and OPS (.769) were both career lows for a full season. Will 2012 bring back the Utley of old? Will Rollins continue to impact games with his offense and defense? Both players have terrific track records. Time will tell how long they maintain them.

CORNERS This is another area that illustrates the fragile health of this team. First baseman Ryan Howard and third baseman Placido Polanco are both rebounding from offseason surgery. Howard, one of the game's premier power bats, will begin a five-year, \$125 million contract extension on the disabled list after blowing out his left Achilles tendon on his last swing of 2011, which was also the final out of the NLDS. He should be back around May 1, in time to make a run at a seventh straight 30-homer, 100-RBI season, but will the injury impact him long-term? The Phils' offense is in need of a contact hitter. Polanco is that kind of guy, but age (36) and health risks — he was plagued by a bad back and a sports hernia in 2011 — are definite concerns.

OUTFIELD With Shane Victorino in center and Hunter Pence and John Mayberry Jr. on the corners, this is where the team's best young athleticism resides. Victorino had a career-best .847 OPS in 2011. Defensively, he can run down any ball and throws with the best of them. Two-time All-Star Pence brings an energetic spark and much-needed, potent right-handed bat to the lineup. Mayberry Jr. has the look of a late-bloomer. The 28-year-old former first-round pick opened eyes by hitting .309 with 10 homers and 34 RBIs over his last 55 games in 2011. He gets first dibs on left field, and his ability

STATISTICIAN

- 2 Consecutive seasons that the Phillies have had the best record in majors.
- 38 Go-ahead RBIs for Ryan Howard in 2011, most in the majors.
- 17 Times the injury-plagued Phils used their regular eight in 2011.
- 204 Consecutive sellouts in Philadelphia dating back to the 2009 season.
- 646 Wins for Charlie Manuel, most in franchise history.
- 713 Runs scored in 2011, the team's lowest total since 2002.
- 7 NL ranking in runs in 2011 after being first or second six straight seasons.
- 529 Runs allowed in 2011, fewest in majors.
- 10-3 Roy Halladay's record after a Phillies' loss in 2011.

PHILLIES

BATTING ORDER

SS Jimmy Rollins (S)	Philly's longest-tenured pro athlete ranks fifth in franchise history with 1,636 games.
3B Placido Polanco (R)	Led NL third basemen in fielding pct. (.977) for second straight year in 2011.
2B Chase Utley (L)	Has played 1,038 games at second base, most in franchise history.
1B Ryan Howard (L)	Has eight homers, 33 RBIs in 46 career postseason games.
RF Hunter Pence (R)	Tied for the NL lead with 57 multi-hit games and batted .339 with RISP in 2011.
CF Shane Victorino (S)	Had an errorless season (296 total chances) while making second All-Star team in 2011.
LF John Mayberry Jr. (R)	Slugged .597 in his final 55 games in 2011; 15 homers in 104 games.
C Carlos Ruiz (R)	Not known for offense, but has hit .292 with 93 RBIs last two seasons.

BENCH

1B Jim Thome (L)	Ranks eighth all-time in homers (604) and 26th in RBIs (1,674).
OF Laynce Nix (L)	Newcomer had a career-high 16 homers for Washington in 2011, all against righthanders.
UT Ty Wigginton (R)	Hit just .163 (20 for 123) with runners in scoring position for Colorado in 2011.
INF Wilson Valdez (R)	Hit .370 (27 for 73) with RISP while making 74 starts at three infield positions in 2011.
C Brian Schneider (L)	Steady veteran is back for his third season with the club.
UT Michael Martinez (S)	Rule 5 pick made 48 starts at five different positions as a rookie in 2011.

ROTATION

RH Roy Halladay	Had career-high 220 strikeouts in 2011 while leading NL with eight complete games.
LH Cliff Lee	Reached career highs in strikeouts (238) and innings (232.2) in 2011.
LH Cole Hamels	His 2.62 ERA since 2010 All-Star Break is fifth-best among MLB pitchers with 300-plus innings.
RH Vance Worley	Was first in ERA (3.01) and second in wins (11) among NL rookies with at least 15 starts in 2011.
RH Joe Blanton	Elbow problems limited him to a career-low 11 games in 2011.

BULLPEN

RH Jonathan Papelbon (Closer)	His 88.3 save percentage (219-for-248) the last six years is sixth-best in baseball.
LH Antonio Bastardo	Held opponents to a .144 batting average in 2011, lowest by a Phils' reliever since 1920.
RH Mike Stutes	Had 2.08 ERA in first 23 games in 2011, 4.46 in next 34.
RH Jose Contreras	Opened 2011 with 12 scoreless appearances before elbow injury.
RH Kyle Kendrick	Unheralded swingman had a 3.14 ERA in 15 starts in 2011.
LH Dontrelle Willis	Had a 20-to-2 strikeouts-to-walks ratio against left-handed hitters in 2011.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Joe Blanton comes into camp as the fifth starter, but he could be pushed by Kyle Kendrick, whose improvement as a starter impressed club officials in 2011. Veteran non-roster invitee Scott Podsednik will be someone to watch in Clearwater as he bids to win the fifth outfielder's spot. His speed could be attractive if he's healthy. Lefty Dontrelle Willis is another player of intrigue. His contract does not become guaranteed until the end of camp, so he will need to make a good showing as he moves to the bullpen. Righthander David Herndon will push for a bullpen job.

STATLINE



BATTERS SEEING LOWEST % OF FASTBALLS, 2011

1. Ryan Howard, Phillies 45.0
2. Miguel Olivo, Mariners 45.9
3. Alfonso Soriano, Cubs 46.5
4. Yuniesky Betancourt, Brewers 47.0
5. Hunter Pence, Phillies 47.1

Source: Fangraphs.com

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PIT	MIA		MIA	MIA	NYM	NYM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
NYM	SF	SF	SF	SD	SD	SD
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SD	ARI	ARI		CHC	CHC	
29	30					
CHC	CHC					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		ATL	ATL	ATL	WAS	WAS
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
WAS	NYM	NYM	NYM	SD	SD	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
SD	HOU	HOU	CHC	CHC	BOS	BOS
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
BOS	WAS	WAS	STL	STL	STL	
27	28	29	30	31		
STL	NYM	NYM	NYM			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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					MIA	MIA
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MIA	LAD	LAD	LAD	BAL	BAL	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
BAL	MIN	MIN	MIN	TOR	TOR	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
TOR	COL	COL	COL	TB	TB	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TB	PIT	PIT	PIT	MIA	MIA	

JULY

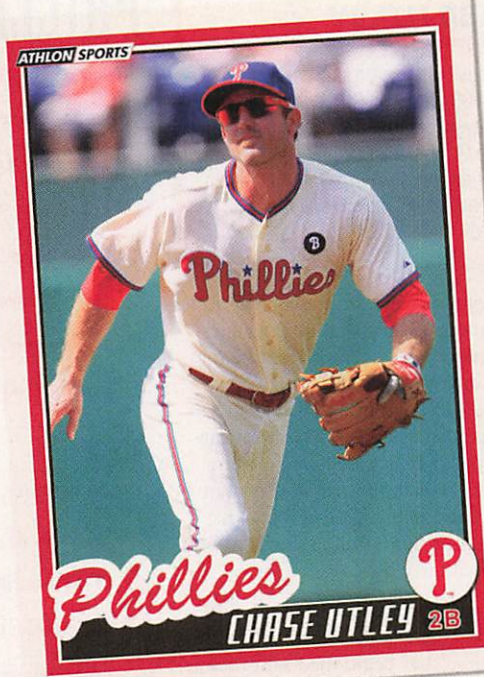
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ATL					COL	COL
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
COL	LAD	LAD	LAD	SF	SF	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
SF	MIL	MIL	MIL	ATL	ATL	
29	30	31				
ATL	WAS					

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			WAS	WAS	ARI	ARI
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
ARI	ATL	ATL	ATL	STL	STL	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
STL	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIL	MIL	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
MIL	CIN	CIN	CIN	CIN	WAS	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
WAS	NYM	NYM	NYM	ATL		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						ATL
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ATL	CIN	CIN	CIN	COL	COL	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
COL	MIA	MIA	MIA	HOU	HOU	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
HOU	NYM	NYM	NYM	ATL	ATL	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
ATL	WAS	WAS	WAS	MIA	MIA	
30	1	2	3			
MIA	WAS	WAS	WAS			



to play first base will come in handy as Howard mends.

CATCHING Every good pitching staff needs a rock behind the plate, and the Phils have one in Carlos Ruiz. His 3.06 catcher's ERA was the majors' best in 2011. The staff swears by him and seldom shakes him off. When Halladay won the NL Cy Young in 2010, he bought Ruiz a replica of the trophy. Veteran backup Brian Schneider, impressive in breaking in Worley in 2011, is back.

BENCH This unit received a makeover as general manager Ruben Amaro Jr. looked for health insurance and power. He traded for Ty Wigginton, who can play the corner infield and outfield spots. He signed left-handed-hitting Laynce Nix who could play himself into a left field platoon. Both players have long-ball pop. Speaking of power, fan favorite Jim Thome is back to finish his Cooperstown-destined career as a pinch-hitter. Wilson Valdez remains

the team's supersub, capable of playing anywhere with a smile.

MANAGEMENT Manuel, the most successful manager in team history, begins his eighth season. You have to go back to Gene Mauch (1961-68) to find a longer-tenured Phillies skipper. Manuel has been backed by some of the best talent in franchise history, big payrolls and an aggressive front office that traded 17 prospects the last four years to acquire Halladay, Lee, Pence, Blanton and Roy Oswalt. Amaro likes to strike big at the trade deadline. Keep an eye on July 29. He landed Lee, Oswalt and Pence on that day over the last three seasons, respectively.

FINAL ANALYSIS Age continues to creep up on this club. The offense isn't as scary as it used to be, and the division has gotten better. Still, there are a lot of teams that would like to have the Phils' problems. Barring injury, they should ride this pitching staff into the postseason once again.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES

TURNING POINT The Phillies' dreams of a World Series title in 2011 were dashed when they were eliminated by St. Louis in the NL Division Series. The Phils won Game 1 behind Roy Halladay and were on their way to going up two games to none in the best-of-five series when Cliff Lee could not hold a 4-0 lead in the Game 2. How rare was that? The Phils were 14-2 during the season when they scored four or more runs in one of Lee's starts.

LEE'S FEATS In 2011, Lee became the first pitcher in history to record at least five wins, no losses and an ERA under 0.50 in two separate months. He went 5-0 with a 0.21 ERA in June and 5-0 with a 0.45 ERA in August. Lee had more RBIs (2) than runs allowed (1) in June. He also became the first starter to toss at least seven scoreless innings in 10 or more starts since Dwight Gooden and John Tudor in 1985.

NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN... Halladay's work ethic is legendary. Nothing stops him. Not even an earthquake. Five hours before game time on Aug. 23, 2011, a 5.8-magnitude quake shook Philadelphia and parts of the East Coast. Workers and club personnel were evacuated from Citizens Bank Park. The only person not to leave the stadium was Halladay, who stayed on the field to finish his afternoon run.

BIG JIM RETURNS Success, fan support and a great ballpark have fueled Philadelphia's renaissance as a baseball town, but it can be argued that the rise began nearly a decade ago when free agent Jim Thome electrified the fan base by signing with the Phillies. Now, at 41, Thome is back, reunited with manager Charlie Manuel, his longtime mentor, for what will likely be the final year of his career. Thome's role is vastly different than it was his first time in Philly. He will be used mostly as a pinch-hitter, bringing some pop off the bench. "It's exciting to get up there in the late innings and have a chance to help win a game," Thome says.

FROM THE OUTHOUSE... In 2011, there was one 100-win team and one 100-loss team. Hunter Pence, traded from the Astros to the Phillies, played for them both. Jeff Weaver (Yankees, Tigers) and Carlos Peña (A's, Tigers) were the last players to do that, both in 2002.

DUBIOUS HISTORY After clinching the division crown on Sept. 17, 2011, the Phillies became the first 98-win team ever to lose eight straight games as they endured their longest losing streak since 2000.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

LARRY GREENE

The Phillies have long favored high-ceiling athletes with standout tools in the draft. Greene fits that description. Powerfully built at 6'1", 235 pounds, Greene was offered a scholarship to play linebacker at Alabama but chose to sign with the Phillies for \$1 million after being selected with the 39th overall pick in 2011. An outfielder who hit tape-measure blasts at Berrien County High School in Nashville, Ga., Greene will see his first pro action at age 19 in 2012. The lefty-swinging Greene hit .562 with 18 homers and 52 RBIs in 30 high school games in 2011. Greene is raw and will need development time, but Phillies officials believe he could someday blossom into a top contributor in Philadelphia. "He's a mature-body kid, a good athlete, really strong and powerful," scouting director Marti Wolever says. "We think he projects as a corner outfielder with average to above average power."



2010 TOP PICK

Jesse Biddle, LHP, Germantown Friends (Pa.)

School A top prospect who's on track to someday pitch in majors with hometown team.

2009 TOP PICK

Kelly Dugan, OF, Notre Dame (Calif.) HS Injuries have hurt the hard-working switch-hitter who could open at Low-A Lakewood.

2008 TOP PICK

Anthony Hewitt, OF, Salisbury (Conn.) School

Has hit .219 with 439 strikeouts and just 46 walks in 329 pro games.

2007 TOP PICK

Joe Savery, LHP, Rice Persevering lefty found his niche as a reliever in 2011.

2006 TOP PICK

Kyle Drabek, RHP, The Woodlands (Texas) HS

Righthander was dealt to Toronto as the centerpiece of the trade that brought Roy Halladay to Philly.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Trevor May (22) The 6'5" righthander struck out 208 batters in 151.1 innings at Single-A Clearwater in 2011.

RHP Jonathan Pettibone (21) Another 6'5" righty, he projects as a big leaguer like his dad, Jay.

C Sebastian Valle (21) The Phils' catcher of the future will move to Double-A with May and Pettibone.

RHP Philippe Aumont (23) Rebound season in 2011 has Phils thinking the power-armed Canadian could be the team's closer of the future.

OF Domonic Brown (24) An extended stay at Triple-A in 2012 just might unlock his sky's-the-limit talent.

PHILLIES ROSTER

General Manager: Ruben Amaro Jr. **Manager:** Charlie Manuel **Coaches:** Mick Billmeyer (bullpen), Rich Dubee (pitching), Greg Gross (batting), Pete Mackanin (bench), Sam Perlozzo (first base), Juan Samuel (third base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
43	Phillippe Aumont	L-R	6-7	260	1/7/89	Lehigh Valley (AAA)	1-0	3.18	18	0	3	22.2	21	14	37	
						Reading (AA)	1-5	2.32	25	0	4	31.0	23	11	41	
37	Antonio Bastardo	L-L	5-11	197	9/21/85	PHILADELPHIA	6-1	2.64	64	0	8	58.0	28	26	70	
56	Joe Blanton	R-R	6-3	245	12/11/80	PHILADELPHIA	1-2	5.01	11	8	0	41.1	52	9	35	
						Lakewood (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	1.0	0	0	0	
52	José Contreras	R-R	6-4	255	12/6/71	PHILADELPHIA	0-0	3.86	17	0	5	14.0	11	8	13	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	2.0	2	0	0	
						Reading (AA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.0	2	1	1	
						Clearwater (A)	0-1	40.50	1	1	0	0.2	4	0	0	
79	Justin De Fratus	S-R	6-4	220	10/21/87	PHILADELPHIA	1-0	2.25	5	0	0	4.0	1	3	3	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	2-3	3.73	28	0	7	41.0	35	11	56	
						Reading (AA)	4-0	2.10	23	0	8	34.1	28	14	43	
63	Jacob Diekmann	L-L	6-4	190	1/21/87	Reading (AA)	0-1	3.05	53	0	3	65.0	47	44	83	
34	Roy Halladay	R-R	6-6	230	5/14/77	PHILADELPHIA	19-6	2.35	32	32	0	233.2	208	35	220	
35	Cole Hamels	L-L	6-3	193	12/27/83	PHILADELPHIA	14-9	2.79	32	31	0	216.0	169	44	194	
57	David Herndon	R-R	6-5	230	9/4/85	PHILADELPHIA	1-4	3.32	45	0	1	57.0	54	24	39	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	2-0	2.45	8	0	1	14.2	15	2	14	
38	Kyle Kendrick	R-R	6-3	210	8/26/84	PHILADELPHIA	8-6	3.22	34	15	0	114.2	110	30	59	
33	Cliff Lee	L-L	6-3	190	8/30/78	PHILADELPHIA	17-8	2.40	32	32	0	232.2	197	42	238	
58	Jonathan Papelbon	R-R	6-4	225	11/23/80	BOSTON	4-1	2.94	63	0	31	64.1	50	10	87	
66	J.C. Ramirez	R-R	6-3	175	8/16/88	Reading (AA)	11-13	4.50	26	26	0	144.0	144	55	89	
55	Joe Savery	L-L	6-3	235	11/4/85	PHILADELPHIA	0-0	0.00	4	0	0	2.2	1	0	2	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	4-0	1.80	18	0	2	25.0	23	6	26	
						Reading (AA)	1-0	1.00	6	0	0	9.0	7	0	14	
						Clearwater (A)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	2.0	2	0	1	
44	Michael Schwimer	R-R	6-8	240	2/19/86	PHILADELPHIA	1-1	5.02	12	0	0	14.1	15	7	16	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	9-10	1.85	47	0	10	68.0	51	22	86	
40	Michael Stutes	R-R	6-1	185	9/4/86	PHILADELPHIA	6-2	3.63	57	0	0	62.0	49	28	58	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	2-1	1.80	7	0	1	10.0	9	4	14	
53	Dontrelle Willis	L-L	6-2	225	1/12/82	CINCINNATI	1-6	5.00	13	13	0	75.2	78	37	57	
						Louisville (AAA)	5-2	2.63	13	13	0	75.1	71	20	67	
49	Vance Worley	R-R	6-2	230	9/25/87	PHILADELPHIA	11-3	3.01	25	21	0	131.2	116	46	119	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	5-2	2.31	9	9	0	50.2	41	12	50	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
31	Erik Kratz	R-R	6-4	255	6/15/80	PHILADELPHIA	.333	2	6	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.288	103	358	56	103	15	53	38	72	2
51	Carlos Ruiz	R-R	5-10	206	1/22/79	PHILADELPHIA	.283	132	410	49	116	6	40	48	48	1
						Clearwater (A)	.333	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
23	Brian Schneider	L-R	6-1	210	11/26/76	PHILADELPHIA	.176	41	125	11	22	2	9	11	35	0
						Reading (AA)	.250	7	24	2	6	0	1	3	4	0
62	Sebastian Valle	R-L	6-1	190	7/24/90	Clearwater	.284	91	348	34	99	5	40	13	84	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
13	Freddy Galvis	S-R	5-10	170	11/14/89	Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.298	33	121	15	36	0	8	3	18	4
						Reading (AA)	.273	104	422	63	115	8	35	28	68	19
75	Harold Garcia	S-R	5-11	190	10/25/86	Reading (AA)	.300	12	50	5	15	2	4	2	11	2
74	Cesar Hernandez	S-R	5-10	160	5/23/90	Clearwater (A)	.268	119	421	47	113	4	37	23	80	23
6	Ryan Howard	L-L	6-4	242	11/19/79	PHILADELPHIA	.253	152	557	81	141	33	116	75	172	1
19	Michael Martínez	S-R	5-9	175	9/16/82	PHILADELPHIA	.196	88	209	25	41	3	24	18	35	3
27	Plácido Polanco	R-R	5-10	189	10/10/75	PHILADELPHIA	.277	122	469	46	130	5	50	42	44	3
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.000	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
11	Jimmy Rollins	S-R	5-8	172	11/27/78	PHILADELPHIA	.268	142	567	87	152	16	63	58	59	30
25	Jim Thome	L-R	6-4	248	8/27/70	MINNESOTA	.243	71	206	21	50	12	40	35	69	0
						CLEVELAND	.296	22	71	11	21	3	10	11	23	0
26	Chase Utley	L-R	6-1	200	12/17/78	PHILADELPHIA	.259	103	398	54	103	11	44	39	47	14
						Clearwater (A)	.281	9	32	4	9	1	4	3	6	1
21	Wilson Valdez	R-R	5-11	170	5/20/78	PHILADELPHIA	.249	99	273	39	68	1	30	18	41	3
24	Ty Wigginton	R-R	6-0	230	10/11/77	COLORADO	.242	130	401	52	97	15	47	38	84	8
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.286	2	7	1	2	0	1	2	1	0
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
9	Domonic Brown	L-L	6-5	205	9/3/87	PHILADELPHIA	.245	56	184	28	45	5	19	25	35	3
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.261	41	138	22	36	3	15	28	33	12
						Clearwater (A)	.368	5	19	4	7	2	4	2	3	0
64	Tyson Gillies	L-R	6-2	205	10/31/88	Clearwater (A)	.154	3	13	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
15	John Mayberry Jr.	R-R	6-6	219	12/21/83	PHILADELPHIA	.273	104	267	37	73	15	49	26	55	8
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.265	28	113	16	30	4	15	5	23	2
7	Layne Nix	L-L	6-1	220	10/30/80	WASHINGTON	.250	124	324	38	81	16	44	23	82	2
3	Hunter Pence	R-R	6-4	218	4/13/83	PHILADELPHIA	.324	54	207	35	67	11	35	26	38	1
						HOUSTON	.308	100	399	49	123	11	62	30	86	7
	Scott Podsednik	L-L	6-0	185	3/18/76	Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.245	14	53	4	13	0	0	3	15	0
						GCL Phillies (R)	.300	3	10	2	3	0	1	1	2	1
						Las Vegas (AAA)	.254	14	59	12	15	0	6	10	9	3
						Dunedin (A)	.250	3	12	1	3	0	1	2	2	0
8	Shane Victorino	S-R	5-9	190	11/30/80	PHILADELPHIA	.279	132	519	95	145	17	61	55	63	19
						Reading (AA)	.143	2	7	1	1	1	2	0	1	0
						Lakewood (A)	.167	2	6	1	1	0	2	1	2	0



WASHINGTON NATIONALS

2012
PREDICTION

3RD

NL EAST

2011
RECORD
80-81

HOME: 44-36 ROAD: 36-45

TEAM STADIUM
Nationals Park

TICKETS CAPACITY
202-675-NATS 41,888

TEAM WEBSITE
washington.nationals.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND

2007	73	4th
2008	59	5th
2009	59	5th
2010	69	5th
2011	80	3rd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 3B Ryan Zimmerman

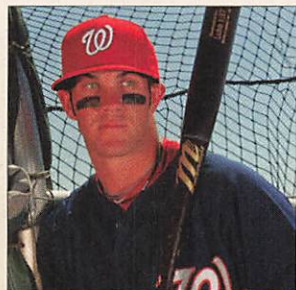
HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Stephen Strasburg

BUY LOW ♦ C Wilson Ramos

SELL HIGH ♦ SS Ian Desmond

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ 1B Adam LaRoche

IPO ♦ INF Steve Lombardozzi



FUTURES MARKET ♦ OF Bryce Harper

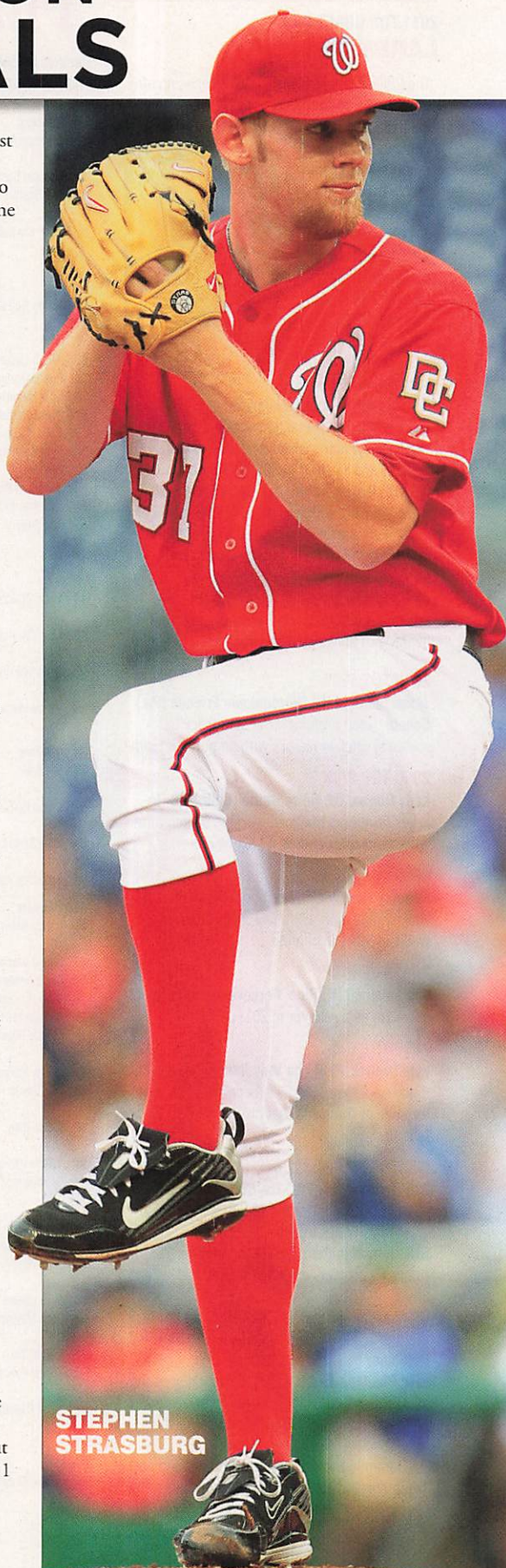
INSIDER TIP ♦ Strasburg (though his innings might be rationed) will be "all that," and Jordan Zimmermann's 8-11 just might become 17-11.

The Nationals ended the 2011 season with their best record since their first year in Washington, a healthy Stephen Strasburg and plenty of reasons to be optimistic about their chances to compete in the NL East in 2012. That feeling might have been dampened somewhat by the aggressive moves the Marlins made during the offseason, but for the first time since their surprise pennant chase in 2005, the Nationals aren't an afterthought in the division. They'll pair a healthy Strasburg with Jordan Zimmermann and Gio Gonzalez, whom the Nationals acquired in a five-player trade with Oakland last December. A rotation like that makes them a wild card dark horse.

ROTATION It's been a long time since the Nationals have gone into a season hoping for anything other than mediocrity from their rotation. With Strasburg, Zimmermann and Gonzalez at the front of the group, the Nationals could have one of the best young pitching staffs in the game. The team has been waiting for a healthy Strasburg since his sensational 2010 rookie season ended with a torn elbow ligament. He pitched very well in five starts last September and will likely be the Opening Day starter. Zimmermann, who also had Tommy John surgery in August 2009, came back strong last year, posting a 3.18 ERA in 161.1 innings. The Nationals traded four players to get Gonzalez from Oakland, but the 26-year-old lefthander could turn out to be worth it; he's had a sub-3.25 ERA each of the last two years. Even the back of the rotation should be solid with John Lannan (10-13, 3.70 ERA) and a healthy Chien-Ming Wang as the fourth and fifth starters. Ross Detwiler could also compete for a rotation spot.

BULLPEN The Nationals' relief corps has been the strongest part of the team for the past two seasons, and there's no reason to think that it won't be solid again in 2012. Drew Storen had 43 saves in his first season as closer, and he's only 24. The righthander developed better control of his fastball as the year went on, which made his slider even more effective. He'll be helped by roommate Tyler Clippard, whose outstanding performance as the setup man helped him earn his first All-Star nod in 2011. Clippard became Washington's option in all kinds of tense situations, and his rising fastball and odd arm action helped him strike out 104 batters in 88.1 innings. The Nationals also have hard-throwing Henry Rodriguez, who was effective at the end of the season when he developed better control, and Sean Burnett, who was the team's best reliever in 2010 and pitched well late last season after struggling early. With those relievers, as well as Ryan Mattheus and recent acquisition Ryan Perry, the Nationals have plenty of power arms to back up their improving rotation.

MIDDLE INFIELD If there's one area where the Nationals have some unknowns, it's here. They have two talented young players in shortstop Ian Desmond and second baseman Danny Espinosa, but each one has some questions to answer after the 2011 season. It's likely Desmond will begin the season in the leadoff spot, where he hit well at the end of last season, but he got off to a slow start and wound up



STEPHEN STRASBURG

ATHLON SPORTS BASEBALL 2012

DIFFERENCE MAKER JAYSON WERTH

The Nationals need productive seasons from several players in 2012 — pitcher Gio Gonzalez and first baseman Adam LaRoche among them — but if the team's mediocre offense is going to improve, it needs a big year from outfielder Werth. In the first year of a seven-year, \$126 million deal, Werth had his worst full season in the majors, and the Nationals need him to return from his .232 average and 20 homers to do what he did in Philadelphia, averaging 29 homers per season from 2008-10.

hitting eighth early in the year. The Nationals also want to see him continue to cut down on his errors; he committed 23 in 2011 after 34 in 2010. Espinosa set a major league record for homers by a rookie second baseman in the first half of the season, blasting 16 before the All-Star break. But he wore down, hitting only five homers in the second half. Still, Espinosa (who finished sixth in the NL Rookie of the Year race) has the chance to be a special player in his second season. The Nationals have plenty of talent and athleticism up the middle. They'd just like to see more consistency and plate discipline.

CORNERS One of the reasons for the Nationals' optimism in 2012 is the presence of a healthy Ryan Zimmerman. The third baseman missed nearly two months in 2011 after tearing an abdominal muscle, and he posted career lows in home runs (12) and RBIs (49). Zimmerman also tinkered with his throwing motion to prevent further injury and had developed a more consistent delivery by the end of the year. The Nationals will also welcome the return of Adam LaRoche, who was gone for the season by May. LaRoche developed a tear in his shoulder in spring training and had surgery to repair a torn labrum. He hit just .172 in 43 games, unable to turn on pitches he would normally be able to drive. He played impressive defense, though, and can probably be counted on for 20-25 home runs if he's healthy. Chris Marrero, who played well in a call-up last September, tore his hamstring playing in the Dominican winter league and could miss a good chunk of the season.

OUTFIELD At the beginning of last season, the Nationals were counting on Jayson Werth to carry their lineup and were simply hoping Michael Morse could continue making progress after a surprising 2010 season. By the end of it, Morse was finishing a breakout campaign, getting himself on a pair of MVP ballots, while Werth was slogging through a disappointing first year of his \$126 million contract. The Nationals will have to hope he rebounds in 2012, both to justify his enormous contract and to fortify a lineup that was too often unable to come up with big hits in 2011. Morse, who was the Nationals' best offensive player in 2011, could see himself shuttled around to a number of different positions in 2012. Morse could start in left or right field, and could also see time at first base if LaRoche isn't fully recovered from shoulder surgery. Roger Bernadina will get the first crack at the center field job, though it's possible Werth could end up there on Opening Day. And that, of course, would make room for 19-year-old Bryce Harper to take the right field job whenever the phenom is ready — which could be this season.

CATCHING The Nationals had accumulated a stable of young catchers in recent years but had never really trusted the position to one of them. That will likely change in 2012, when Wilson Ramos gets most of the playing

STATISTICIAN

- 285 The on-base percentage of the Nationals' leadoff hitters last season, the worst mark in the majors.
- 54 One-run games the Nationals played in 2011, winning 27 of them.
- 10 Number of times Washington beat Philadelphia in 2011, winning the season series with the Phillies for the first time since 2006.
- 550 Michael Morse's 2011 slugging percentage, which was 10th-best in the majors.
- 3 Managers the Nationals had in 2011 — Jim Riggleman, John McLaren and Davey Johnson.
- 24 Batters Stephen Strasburg struck out in 24 innings of his comeback from Tommy John surgery in September.
- 3.18 Jordan Zimmermann's ERA in 2011, after the righty returned for his first full season following Tommy John surgery. That mark was the 10th-best in the NL.

NATIONALS

BATTING ORDER

SS Ian Desmond (R)	Improved toward the end of the season to raise average to .253; will get first shot to lead off.
RF Jayson Werth (R)	Needs to rebound after disappointing 2011 and show he's worth his \$126 million deal; hit .232 with 20 homers.
3B Ryan Zimmerman (R)	Team's best player missed 61 games in 2011; looking for big year (and big contract) after abdominal surgery.
LF Michael Morse (R)	Hit .303 with 31 homers in breakout season; might be Nationals' best power hitter.
1B Adam LaRoche (L)	Back from shoulder surgery, he's looking to get back to typical production; .265, 20-25 homers, 85 RBIs.
2B Danny Espinosa (S)	Nationals will look for more consistency in his second year; has power, great range and arm.
C Wilson Ramos (R)	Finished fourth in NL Rookie of the Year vote; could hit 16-18 homers with solid defense behind the plate.
CF Roger Bernadina (L)	Tons of talent, but can he ever put it together? Probably his last chance with Washington to play consistently.

BENCH

OF Mike Cameron (R)	Veteran gives the Nationals a versatile outfielder who can play center.
INF Mark DeRosa (R)	He can play anywhere, but hasn't played much recently; only 73 games in the past two years, and one homer.
C Jesus Flores (R)	Might still be able to play every day after two years of injuries, but won't get the chance with Ramos on board.
INF Steve Lombardozzi (S)	Struggled in September call-up, but son of former major leaguer can draw walks and play middle infield.
INF Carlos Rivero (R)	Career minor leaguer could back up Zimmerman at third and give team a bat off the bench.

ROTATION

RH Stephen Strasburg	The phenom returns; he'll pitch around 150 innings, but could strike out 150 batters in that time.
LH Gio Gonzalez	After winning 31 games the last two years in Oakland, he comes to the NL.
RH Jordan Zimmermann	Ranked 10th in NL with 3.18 ERA last year; won't have an innings limit after coming back from Tommy John.
LH John Lannan	Won 10 games for first time in 2011, had career-low 3.70 ERA. Not great stuff, but a solid No. 4 starter.
RH Chien-Ming Wang	Returned from two-year absence after shoulder surgery for solid two-month stint.

BULLPEN

RH Drew Storen (Closer)	Saved 43 games in first full year as closer; has great stuff, and showed he could handle a big workload.
RH Tyler Clippard	Rode funky mechanics and rising fastball to stellar season and first All-Star Game.
RH Henry Rodriguez	If he can control his fastball, he can be a good late-inning reliever.
LH Sean Burnett	Nationals' best reliever in 2010; came back strong at end of 2011 after struggling early.
RH Ryan Mattheus	In deep bullpen, could pitch in middle relief, but has potential for more.
RH Ryan Perry	Big fastball and questionable control. Came over in trade from Tigers; probably a mop-up man to start.
LH Tom Gorzelanny	Pitched well in long relief (2-0, 2.42 ERA in relief) after being bounced from rotation.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The Nationals head into spring training with less uncertainty in their lineup than they've ever had, but they'll still have a few spots up for grabs. The final spot in their rotation should be contentious, with Ross Detwiler trying to find his way in after an impressive end to the season. The Nationals will also have one of the highest-profile roster fights in spring training, with 19-year-old Bryce Harper trying to make the Opening Day roster in just his second professional season. The Nationals are unsettled at one of the corner outfield positions, so Harper could get a shot.

STATLINE



LOWEST % RUNNERS ON BASE TO SCORE, 2011

1. Tyler Clippard, Nationals 4.4
 2. Jonny Venters, Braves 16.5
 3. Jered Weaver, Angels 17.4
 4. Jeremy Hellickson, Rays 18.0
 5. Cliff Lee, Phillies 18.6
- (min. 80 IP)

NATIONALS SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	CHC	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

MAY

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JULY

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



time. Ramos, who finished fourth in the NL Rookie of the Year race, gives the Nationals a potent bat and solid arm behind the plate. He'll be backed up by Jesus Flores, the one-time catcher of the future who has been relegated to reserve duty because of injuries. Flores, though, is a good hitter with men on base and could start if Ramos got hurt. He could also be a trade chip.

BENCH Manager Davey Johnson wanted the Nationals to add more offense to their bench at the end of 2011. But other than Mark DeRosa, it's questionable whether the team has that. Steve Lombardozzi could be a solid utility infielder, and Carlos Rivero, who showed power in the minors, could make the roster as Zimmerman's backup. But the Nationals still lack a difference-making bat for the late innings, and their outfield looks particularly thin, with 39-year-old Mike Cameron likely making the team as the fourth outfielder.

MANAGEMENT

Johnson, who took over last June when Jim Riggleman abruptly resigned, got the Nationals playing well at the end of the season and decided to return for 2012 at age 69. His handling of the bullpen can be odd at times — his practice of keeping two long relievers seems a bit dated and occasionally left him with poor matchups last year — but he has the respect of his players and the cachet that comes with a World Series ring. In bench coach Randy Knorr and third base coach Bo Porter, Johnson could be grooming a pair of potential successors for when he eventually decides to step down. But at the end of last season, he seemed like a man who wanted to enjoy the ride a little longer.

FINAL ANALYSIS As tough as the Marlins have made the NL East, and as many questions as the Nationals could still have about the middle of their lineup, it's possible the team is still a year and a couple moves away from really making noise. But there's enough here, particularly in the rotation and the bullpen, that it's not hard to see the team making a push if Werth rebounds and Desmond helps the team solve its long-standing problem at the top of the lineup. Consider the Nationals a candidate to win 80-85 games, keep themselves on the periphery of the playoff race and create a legitimate buzz about baseball in the nation's capital for the first time since the team's inaugural 2005 season in Washington.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

WASHINGTON NATIONALS

OFFSEASON ADVENTURE The Nationals went through one of the most harrowing episodes in recent baseball history last November, when catcher Wilson Ramos was kidnapped outside his home in Valencia, Venezuela. Ramos was held by his captors for approximately 51 hours before being rescued after a gun battle in the Venezuelan mountains. He returned home unharmed and stayed to play winter ball in his home country.

BRINGING HEAT With Stephen Strasburg, Jordan Zimmermann and Gio Gonzalez at the top of their rotation, the Nationals likely won't be near the top of the majors again in one undesirable category. Their starting pitchers had the second-slowest average fastball in the majors last year, clocking in at just 89.8 mph.

CAUGHT LOOKING One thing manager Davey Johnson would like to see the Nationals improve in 2012 is their number of called strikeouts. The team led the majors with 1,323 strikeouts in 2011, despite

swinging at only 46.3 percent of the pitches they saw, and went through several stretches where their hitters took called third strikes to end games. Johnson said toward the end of the season that he wanted the team to be more aggressive at the plate, and outfielder Jayson Werth in particular struggled to keep himself in good hitting situations last year.

TOUGHER ROAD The Nationals managed to go 36-45 on the road — their best mark away from home since 2005 — despite hitting just .234 away from Nationals Park. That average was the second-lowest road mark in the majors.

PLUNKED Second baseman Danny Espinosa has a painful way of increasing his on-base percentage; he got hit by 19 pitches last year (tying for the National League high), which helped contribute to his .323 OBP despite the fact that he batted only .236. Espinosa was plunked 26 times in 275 minor league games, too.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK ANTHONY RENDON

Many observers thought Rendon, a third baseman from Rice, could be the No. 1 overall pick before the draft. When concerns about the health of his shoulder pushed him to No. 6 in the draft, the Nationals were happy to grab him. Rendon signed a four-year major league contract on Aug. 15 that includes a reported \$7.2 million guarantee. He'll likely start the 2012 season in Class A, but Rendon's bat makes him a likely candidate to move quickly. The Nationals are set at third base with Zimmerman, so Rendon, who hit .327 as a junior at Rice, could switch positions as he gets closer to the majors. Second base might be a destination.



2010 TOP PICK

Bryce Harper, OF, College of Southern Nevada Phenom made it all the way to Double-A last year and impressed in Arizona Fall League; he could reach the majors at age 19 this year and could play his way into the starting lineup.

2009 TOP PICK

Stephen Strasburg, RHP, San Diego State After sensational rookie year ended with Tommy John surgery, he's back and he's healthy. He should be the team's Opening Day starter this year.

2008 TOP PICK

Destin Hood, OF, St. Paul's Episcopal (Ala.) School Started to show power at Single-A Potomac last year; has potential to be solid corner outfielder if he can command strike zone.

2007 TOP PICK

Ross Detwiler, LHP, Missouri State Struggled through mechanical adjustments in minors, but showed promise last year, and could be fifth starter this season.

2006 TOP PICK

Chris Marrero, 1B, Monsignor Pace (Fla.) HS Made major league debut last fall, but tore hamstring over the winter. He won't be back until the middle of the season.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

LHP Sammy Solis (23) 2010 second-round pick was impressive at Single-A Potomac and Arizona Fall League; should reach Double-A this year.

LHP Matt Purke (21) Signed a major league deal after Nationals picked him in the third round last year. Should start in Single-A after pitching in Arizona Fall League.

RHP Alex Meyer (21) Big righthander went in first round last year, and should start at Single-A after signing late.

OF Brian Goodwin (21) Picked 34th in 2011 draft; could play center field for Nationals in future.

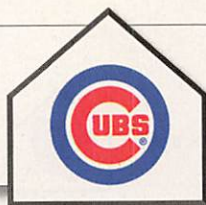
OF Michael Taylor (21) Opened eyes at Single-A Hagerstown last year; has athleticism to play center field and solve a problem spot.

NATIONALS ROSTER

General Manager: Mike Rizzo **Manager:** Davey Johnson **Coaches:** Rick Eckstein (hitting), Trent Jewett (first base), Randy Knorr (bench), Jim Lett (bullpen), Steve McCatty (pitching), Bo Porter (third base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
17	Sean Burnett	L-L	6-1	200	9/17/82	WASHINGTON	5-5	3.81	69	0	4	56.2	54	21	33
36	Tyler Clippard	R-R	6-3	200	2/14/85	WASHINGTON	3-0	1.83	72	0	0	88.1	48	26	104
48	Ross Detwiler	R-L	6-5	174	3/6/86	WASHINGTON	4-5	3.00	15	10	0	66.0	63	20	41
	Gio Gonzalez	R-L	6-0	205	9/19/85	Syracuse (AAA)	6-6	4.53	16	16	0	87.1	98	32	63
32	Tom Gorzelanny	L-L	6-2	205	7/12/82	OAKLAND	16-12	3.12	32	32	0	202.0	175	91	197
	Cole Kimball	R-R	6-3	225	8/1/85	WASHINGTON	4-6	4.03	30	15	0	105.0	102	33	95
	John Lannan	L-L	6-4	215	9/27/84	Syracuse (AAA)	0-1	9.0	1	1	0	4.0	5	1	3
52	Ryan Mattheus	R-R	6-3	215	11/10/83	WASHINGTON	1-0	1.93	12	0	0	14.0	8	11	11
	Yunesky Maya	R-R	5-11	170	8/28/81	Syracuse (AAA)	1-0	0.00	12	0	5	13.2	8	8	14
45	Ryan Perry	R-R	6-4	200	2/13/87	WASHINGTON	10-13	3.70	33	33	0	184.2	194	76	106
	Matt Purke	L-L	6-4	180	7/17/90	WASHINGTON	2-2	2.81	35	0	0	32.0	26	15	12
63	Henry Rodriguez	R-R	6-0	220	2/25/87	Syracuse (AAA)	0-0	0.00	9	0	2	10.0	3	3	10
	Atahualpa Severino	L-L	5-9	170	11/6/84	Harrisburg (AA)	2-1	2.45	13	0	4	14.2	9	5	18
35	Craig Stammen	R-R	6-3	200	3/9/1984	WASHINGTON	1-1	5.23	10	5	0	32.2	40	10	15
22	Drew Storen	S-R	6-2	180	8/11/87	Syracuse (AAA)	4-9	5.00	22	22	0	129.2	133	28	98
37	Stephen Strasburg	R-R	6-4	220	7/20/88	DETROIT	2-0	5.35	6	0	0	37.0	39	21	24
	Chien-Ming Wang	R-R	6-3	230	3/31/80	Toledo (AAA)	3-0	3.03	20	0	7	32.2	24	9	30
	Jordan Zimmermann	R-R	6-2	218	5/23/86	Scottsdale (AFL)	0-0	13.50	7	1	0	7.1	12	3	5
	Jesus Flores	R-R	6-1	229	10/26/84	WASHINGTON	3-3	3.56	59	0	2	65.2	54	45	70
	Wilson Ramos	R-R	6-0	220	8/10/87	Syracuse (AAA)	0-0	1.08	8	0	0	8.1	5	6	9
	Jhonatan Solano	R-R	6-0	180	8/12/85	Harrisburg (AA)	0-0	0.00	3	1	0	4.0	3	0	7
	Mark DeRosa	R-R	6-0	220	2/26/75	WASHINGTON	1-0	3.86	6	0	0	4.2	5	1	7
	Ian Desmond	R-R	6-2	210	9/20/85	Syracuse (AAA)	1-2	4.50	35	0	1	32.0	37	23	38
	Danny Espinosa	S-R	6-0	190	4/25/87	WASHINGTON	1-1	0.87	7	0	0	10.1	3	1	4
	Adam LaRoche	L-L	6-3	205	11/6/79	Syracuse (AAA)	10-7	4.75	25	24	0	142.0	163	40	127
	Steve Lombardozzi	S-R	6-0	170	9/20/88	WASHINGTON	6-3	2.75	73	0	43	75.1	57	20	74
	Chris Marrero	R-R	6-3	211	7/2/88	Syracuse (AAA)	1-1	1.50	5	5	0	24.0	15	2	24
	Tyler Moore	R-R	6-2	185	1/30/87	Syracuse (AAA)	0-0	1.80	1	1	0	5.0	2	0	7
	Michael Morse	R-R	6-5	230	3/22/82	Harrisburg (AA)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	6.0	1	0	4
	Anthony Rendon	R-R	6-0	190	6/6/90	Hagerstown (A)	0-1	9.95	3	3	0	6.1	9	3	13
	Carlos Rivero	R-R	6-3	200	5/20/88	WASHINGTON	4-3	4.04	11	11	0	62.1	67	13	25
	Ryan Zimmerman	R-R	6-3	228	9/28/84	Syracuse (AAA)	0-1	6.75	2	2	0	10.2	15	2	9
	Roger Bernadina	L-L	6-2	198	6/12/84	Harrisburg (AA)	2-0	0.00	2	2	0	11.0	8	0	3
	Mike Camerson	R-R	6-2	210	1/8/73	Potomac (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	4.0	1	2	2
	Bryce Harper	L-R	6-3	225	10/16/92	Hagerstown (A)	0-0	6.00	1	1	0	3.0	4	0	3
	Eury Perez	R-R	6-0	180	5/30/90	WASHINGTON	8-11	3.18	26	26	0	161.1	154	31	124
	Jayson Werth	R-R	6-5	220	5/20/79	WASHINGTON	209	36	8	5	18	1	2	5	27
						Syracuse (AAA)	.234	56	209	17	49	5	30	5	54
						WASHINGTON	.267	113	389	48	104	15	52	38	76
						Syracuse (AAA)	.275	78	255	27	70	5	33	19	36
						WASHINGTON	.279	47	86	9	24	0	12	8	18
						Fresno (AAA)	.310	11	42	6	13	0	3	0	8
						San Jose (A)	.400	2	5	2	2	0	0	1	1
						WASHINGTON	.253	154	584	65	148	8	49	35	139
						WASHINGTON	.236	158	573	72	135	21	66	57	166
						WASHINGTON	.172	43	151	15	26	3	15	25	37
						WASHINGTON	.194	13	31	3	6	0	1	1	4
						Syracuse (AAA)	.310	69	294	46	91	4	29	21	40
						Harrisburg (AA)	.309	65	262	40	81	4	23	18	38
						WASHINGTON	.248	31	109	6	27	0	10	4	27
						Syracuse (AAA)	.300	127	483	59	145	14	69	58	97
						Harrisburg (AA)	.270	137	519	70	140	31	90	30	139
						WASHINGTON	.303	146	522	73	158	31	95	36	126
						2011 First Round Draft Selection — Did not play after signing									
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	.185	7	27	1	5	1	5	1	6
						Reading (AA)	.275	129	491	70	135	15	66	38	106
						WASHINGTON	.289	101	395	52	114	12	49	41	73
						Syracuse (AAA)	.222	2	9	1	2	0	1	0	2
						Potomac (A)	.400	3	10	0	4	0	1	1	1
						Hagerstown (A)	1.000	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	0
						WASHINGTON	.243	91	309	40	75	7	27	22	63
						Syracuse (AAA)	.250	46	164	26	41	6	14	18	47
						BOSTON	.149	33	94	9	14	3	9	8	25
						MIAMI	.238	45	143	18	34	6	18	20	34
						Harrisburg (AA)	.256	37	129	14	33	3	12	15	26
						Hagerstown (A)	.318	72	258	49	82	14	46	44	61
						Potomac (A)	.283	119	424	54	120	1	41	22	63
						WASHINGTON	.232	150	561	69	130	20	58	74	160



CHICAGO CUBS

2012 PREDICTION

5TH

NL CENTRAL

2011 RECORD

71-91

HOME: 39-42 ROAD: 32-49

TEAM STADIUM

Wrigley Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

773-404-CUBS 41,118

TEAM WEBSITE

chicago.cubs.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR WIN TREND

2007 85 1st

2008 97 1st

2009 83 2nd

2010 75 5th

2011 71 5th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ SS Starlin Castro

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Matt Garza

BUY LOW ♦ 1B/OF Bryan LaHair



SELL HIGH ♦ OF Alfonso Soriano

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ None

IPO ♦ OF Brett Jackson

FUTURES MARKET ♦ C Wellington Castillo

INSIDER TIP ♦ New GM Jed Hoyer will be in a youth movement by July. Jackson, Castillo, 1B Anthony Rizzo, 3B Josh Vitters and SP Trey McCutty and potential closer Rafael Dolis should be on your watch list.

The headline writers in Chicago had a field day about the Cubs' new "Theo-logy" when Theo Epstein was named the team's new president in October. As general manager of the Boston Red Sox, Epstein helped craft a team that broke an 86-year World Series drought in 2004. Now he's the boss of a team that hasn't won the big prize in 103 years. The team he inherited was a mess. The Cubs stumbled through a 71-91 season, with far too many dollars going to Carlos Zambrano, who was suspended by the team after quitting in August, and Alfonso Soriano, an aging outfielder who never became the 40-40 man the team hoped for when they signed him to an eight-year deal before the 2007 campaign. The new regime began cleaning up some of the mess in early January by dealing Zambrano to the Marlins, but turning the club into a consistent winner will likely take more than one year, so 2012 appears to be a season of adjustment. With new general manager Jed Hoyer, senior VP of scouting and player development Jason McLeod and new skipper Dale Sveum in place, Epstein believes he has a management team to lead the Cubs to a bright future. But the present "Theo-logy" is a little hazy.

ROTATION The Cubs had no choice but to part ways with Zambrano. The former staff ace, who had compiled a laundry list of controversial actions over the years, quit on his team after a game in Atlanta in August, prompting then-general manager Jim Hendry to suspend him the rest of the season and effectively end his tenure in Chicago. The Marlins agreed to take Zambrano in a deal for Chris Volstad, but the Cubs will be picking up a reported \$15 million of the \$18 million he is owed for the 2012 season. Matt Garza finished the 2011 season strong, but the Cubs were looking to deal him for younger players. It will surprise no one if the one-time Ray is not on the Opening Day roster. Ryan Dempster returns as the likely No. 1 starter despite a 10-14 campaign in 2011. Randy Wells' lights-out August (4-0, 3.32 ERA) helped vault him to a 7-6 mark, which was a nice recovery after struggling in 2010 with an 8-14 mark. The Cubs traded dependable setup man Sean Marshall to Cincinnati to bring Travis Wood into the rotation. Wood is eligible for free agency in 2017, so the Cubs figure he will be around awhile. Volstad, a first-round pick in 2005, struggled last season (5-13) after going 12-9 in 2010. Paul Maholm, who pitched well despite going just 6-14 last year in Pittsburgh, signed a one-year deal with a club option for 2013 in January.

BULLPEN With 10 blown saves and a career-worst 4.01 ERA, closer Carlos Marmol is coming off a rough 2011 season. He was demoted back to set-up man for a little while. But he has 72 saves in the past two seasons and goes into spring training as the most experienced closer on the squad. When Jeff Samardzija was drafted in 2006, the Cubs eyed him as being an effective starter, but he developed a niche as a late-inning reliever and finished with a career-high eight



STARLIN CASTRO

DIFFERENCE MAKER DAVID DEJESUS

The first free agent signed of the Theo Epstein era, DeJesus was not an Earth-shattering acquisition, but he could pay off. In recent years, the Cubs have had troubles at the leadoff spot, including Alfonso Soriano's ill-fated try in that role his first three years with the club. Last year, the Cubs used six different leadoff hitters, including star shortstop Starlin Castro. DeJesus could provide consistency to the top of the lineup and allow the Cubs to figure out if Castro is better suited at No. 2 or lower in the lineup.

wins and career-best 2.97 ERA. Lefthander James Russell was 0-5 with a 9.33 ERA in five starts and 1-1 with a 2.19 ERA in 59 relief appearances, so he could work his way in as a top set-up man. Chris Carpenter started 60 of 64 games in his first three years as a pro but moved to relief in 2011, when he made 10 major league appearances and posted a 2.79 ERA. Scott Maine was effective in Triple-A Iowa but up-and-down in seven major league appearances, posting a 10.29 ERA. Since the Cubs are in need of another southpaw in the pen, he may fill that need. Rafael Dolis showed promise in Double-A Tennessee, got a brief taste of the majors in September and could be one of the final survivors at spring training.

MIDDLE INFIELD Shortstop Starlin Castro led the National League with 207 hits and 29 errors. His defense can be both spectacular and maddening to Cubs fans — sometimes both in the same game. At second base, Darwin Barney became a solid major league player, hitting .276, mostly batting second, in 143 games. He was the National League Rookie of the Month in April but tailed off after the All-Star Game.

CORNERS Aramis Ramirez was the Opening Day third baseman for the Cubs for the past eight years, but he became a free agent and signed with Milwaukee, so the Cubs traded for Colorado's Ian Stewart, who had 25 homers in 2009 and 18 in 2010. But in 2011 he hit just .156 with no home runs in 48 games and was demoted to Triple-A Colorado Springs. The Cubs are hoping a change of scenery will help. At first base, the Cubs will turn to 29-year old Bryan LaHair — for the short term. They acquired power-hitting prospect Anthony Rizzo from San Diego, but the plan — for now — is let Rizzo start in Triple-A. LaHair led all of minor league baseball last season with 38 home runs at Triple-A Iowa. He hit .288 in 20 games last year with the Cubs.

OUTFIELD The Cubs' outfield is solid, but unspectacular. Soriano is back in left field, and while his power numbers are decent (70 homers and 92 doubles the past three seasons), his batting average has dipped into the .240-.250 range. His defense in left field continues to be problematic. Marlon Byrd has 101 RBIs and 176 strikeouts in 271 games over two seasons with the Cubs. David DeJesus became the first free agent signing in the Epstein era and figures to patrol right field. He has a lifetime .284 batting average but hit just .240 with Oakland in 2011.

CATCHING Which Geovany Soto will show up? Soto has never been able to match his 2008 NL Rookie of the Year season (.285 with 23 homers and 86 RBIs). He followed that season up with an awful 2009 campaign (.218 with 11 homers and 47 RBIs), and has averaged only 17 home runs and 54 RBIs in the past two seasons. He committed a career-high 13 errors last year but threw out a National League-high 36 baserunners.

STATISTICIAN

- .307 Starlin Castro's average last year before the All-Star Game.
- .307 Castro's average last year after the All-Star Game.
- 4,002 Franchise victories at Wrigley Field. The Cubs joined the Yankees and Red Sox as the only teams to win 4,000 or more games in their home stadiums with a 2-1 victory over Houston on Sept. 17.
- 4-17 Cubs record in day games on the road in 2011.
- 0 Grand slams for the Cubs in 2011.
- 8 Grand slams against Cubs pitching in 2011.
- 81 Homers against Cubs pitching in 2011 at Wrigley Field.
- 81 Homers against Cubs pitching in 2011 on the road.
- 16 Hits — all singles — allowed by Cubs pitchers in a 5-4 loss to Pittsburgh on April 3.

Castro: Steve Weinman; Soriano: Tim Clark/Albion Sports

CUBS

BATTING ORDER

RF David DeJesus (L)	Has never played in Wrigley Field but should shore up the top of the lineup.
SS Starlin Castro (R)	The sky is the limit for someone who has accomplished so much before turning 22.
CF Marlon Byrd (R)	Suffered horrific face injury when he was hit with a pitch May 21 and had mixed results after return in July.
1B Bryan LaHair (R)	Career minor leaguer is keeping the seat warm for newly acquired prospect Anthony Rizzo.
LF Alfonso Soriano (R)	His speed is gone; his contract is immovable; will he ever hit 30-plus homers again?
3B Ian Stewart (L)	Cubs are crossing their fingers 26-year-old can return to 25-homer form of 2009.
C Geovany Soto (R)	Roller coaster career needs an upswing this year in a lineup full of question marks.
2B Darwin Barney (R)	Had 90 hits before the All-Star Game in 2011 but struggled after that.

BENCH

OF Tony Campana (L)	Stole a team-high 24 bases in 26 attempts in only 95 games in 2011.
OF Reed Johnson (R)	Hit .309, slugged .467 in his second go-round with the Cubs last year.
C Wellington Castillo (R)	A minor league All-Star ready to get some major league time this year.
INF Jeff Baker (R)	Started at five different positions last year and was a DH in three games against American League teams.
INF Blake Dewitt (L)	Valuable member of the bench; drove in 10 runs as a pinch-hitter for the Cubs last year.

ROTATION

RH Ryan Dempster	Has thrown 200-plus innings four years in a row since moving from closer back to starter.
RH Randy Wells	After an April 4 win, didn't get second victory until July 23; was 4-0 in August.
RH Chris Volstad	Batters hit .289 against the 6'8" former first-round pick en route to a 13-loss season with the Marlins.
LH Travis Wood	Cubs traded reliable reliever Sean Marshall for him and hope he will be around for a long time.
LH Paul Maholm	Lost 14 games in Pittsburgh in '11 but had a career-best 3.66 ERA and only allowed 160 hits in 162.1 IP.

BULLPEN

RH Carlos Marmol (Closer)	Blew 10 save opportunities last year; will he get his spot as closer back?
RH Jeff Samardzija	Former Notre Dame receiver had best season as a Cub, winning eight games and posting a 2.97 ERA.
LH James Russell	Struggled as a starter but was brilliant as a middle reliever in 2011.
RH Chris Carpenter	Was groomed as a starter in minors but was effective out of the pen in Triple-A and the parent club last year.
LH Scott Maine	Showed promise at Triple-A but was inconsistent in seven major league appearances.
RH Rafael Dolis	Another minor league starter who has found success as a reliever.
RH Kerry Wood	Veteran re-signed with the Cubs in mid-January; struck out 57 batters in 51 innings last season.

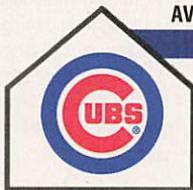
SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

With a new management team, manager and coaches in place, veterans are going to have to impress a new set of faces, and closer Carlos Marmol's job is not completely safe, even though he has two more years left on his contract. Last year, he saved 34 games. But he also blew 10 opportunities and was removed as the closer for a few weeks in July and didn't save a game after Sept. 10. Could someone such as Jeff Samardzija or Jeff Russell make a push for that spot in spring training?

STATLINE

AVERAGE FASTBALL VELOCITY BY NL STARTER

1. Matt Garza, Cubs 93.7 mph
 2. Clayton Kershaw, Dodgers.. 93.4 mph
 3. Daniel Hudson, D'backs 93.2 mph
 4. Jason Hammel, Rockies 92.9 mph
 5. Mat Latos, Padres 92.8 mph
- (min. 162 IP); Source: Bill James Handbook



HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

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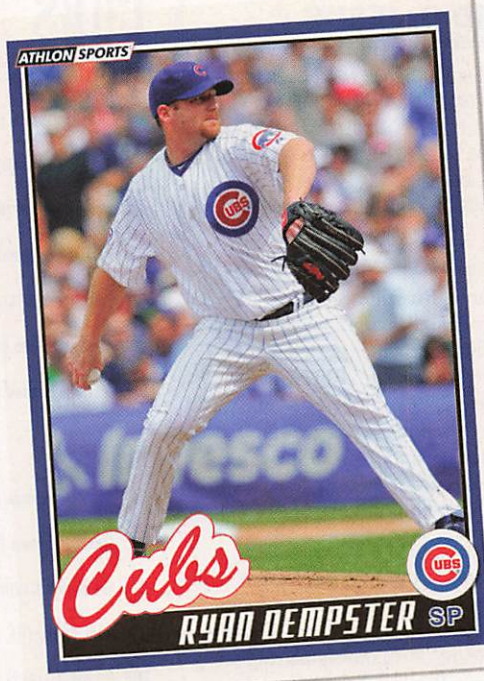
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BENCH The Cubs parted ways with backup catcher Koyie Hill, who was with the organization for five years and was on the major league roster full-time the past three seasons. Rookie Welington Castillo is the early favorite to take that spot. Outfielder Reed Johnson hit .361 or better in three different months of the 2011 season and made some spectacular plays in the field. Outfielder Tony Campana provides speed in both the field and on the basepaths. Jeff Baker can play in both the infield and outfield and hit safely in 30 of his 45 starts. Infielder Blake DeWitt is a solid fielder and turned into a valuable pinch-hitter, batting .265 in 121 games.

MANAGEMENT Third-year owner Tom Ricketts showed Cubs fans that he was serious about winning with his hires of Epstein and Co., and while the Wrigley faithful are sick of hearing about patience, the fans might be willing to endure a tough year or two if it means building a winner.

With so many new executives in place, along with Sveum and a host of new coaches, this is clearly a transition year, and it would be a surprise if the newcomers could turn this team from a 71-game winner to a contender in one season. Sveum was blunt on his first day on the job and put the players on notice. "When you lose that many games, there are obviously problems," he said. "Losing isn't OK. Not running a ball out isn't OK. It's unacceptable, and that has to be communicated."

FINAL ANALYSIS On paper the roster appears to be filled with underachievers, players on the decline and question marks. Castro is a bona-fide star with a huge future ahead of him, but the surrounding cast isn't anything to get excited about. But with the World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals losing Albert Pujols and the Milwaukee Brewers losing Prince Fielder, the Central Division doesn't seem to have a powerhouse team. If some of the veterans recover from tough 2011 campaigns and keep the team afloat for four months, management could become bold and aggressive in making trade-deadline deals to help the Cubs contend. However, if the team struggles early, Epstein and Co. will begin to take a look at the younger players in the system and part ways with the veterans.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

CHICAGO CUBS

HALL CALL Cubs legend Ron Santo was never shy about his desire to make the Hall of Fame, but he would always add: "I want to be elected before I die. What good would it do me after I'm dead?" Ironically, one year and three days after his death, it was announced that the new Golden Era Committee had voted him into the Hall of Fame. Despite a long wait, his family was happy. "When (Santo's former teammate) Billy Williams got on the phone and said 'Vicki, we finally got it done,' I started to cry," Santo's wife, Vicki said. "What would Ron say? I could see him sitting on the sofa here, pumping his fist in the air and saying, 'Yes, yes.'"

FIRE FUNNIES A small electrical fire in a Wrigley Field office was quickly extinguished on Dec. 28, causing little damage and no injuries. But the mishap caused wiseguys to get creative on a *Chicago Tribune* comment section. "WE'RE HAVING A FIRE....sale!!!" was one comment. "I hope they were burning Alfonso Soriano's contract..." was another.

HOUSE OF THEO New Cubs president Theo Epstein will live close to work. He paid a reported \$3.25 million for a house a few blocks away from Wrigley Field. The 7,800-square-foot home was also bid on by Chicago Blackhawks star Patrick Sharp.

CONVERSIONS Both starting pitcher Randy Wells and reliever Carlos Marmol were former position players. Now Kyler Burke, the Cubs' 2009 Minor League Player of the Year, is making the switch to the mound. He made 16 appearances for Class A Boise and notched a 2.86 ERA in 2011.

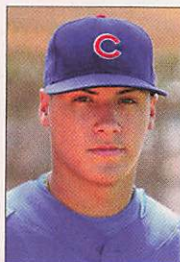
ONE IN THREE MILLION Donna Brookshire, 75, of Park City, Ill., was the three millionth fan to come through the Wrigley turnstiles in 2011. She was presented with a jersey and threw out a first pitch. She has been coming to the park for 53 years.

WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? The Cubs were the last team in the majors to record their first stolen base in 2011 when Starlin Castro swiped one the 10th game of the season.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK JAVIER BAEZ

The Cubs were so impressed with the bat speed of this Arlington Country Day High School shortstop that they took him with the ninth overall pick in the draft in June rather than opting for a more seasoned college player. The Jacksonville, Fla., native batted .771 with 22 homers, 20 doubles and 52 RBIs with 32 walks and three strikeouts in 115 plate appearances in high school.



Oh, and he stole 28 bases. In three Rookie League games, he hit .333 and went 1-for-6 with an RBI in two Class A games at Boise. Scouting Director Tim Wilken doesn't have a timetable on when Baez could make the majors but says he can play shortstop, third base, outfield and catcher. "He projects anywhere his bat is going to take him," Wilken says. "We'll just have to let that take care of itself."

2010 TOP PICK

Hayden Simpson, RHP, Southern Arkansas Was 1-10 with a 6.27 ERA splitting time in the Rookie League and with Class A Peoria. Gave up 102 hits in 79 IP.

2009 TOP PICK

Brett Jackson, OF, California Split time between Double-A Tennessee and Triple-A Iowa and hit .297 with 10 homers in 48 games with Iowa. Could be knocking on the door to the majors this year.

2008 TOP PICK

Andrew Cashner, RHP, TCU Opened 2011 in Cubs' rotation but injured his rotator cuff after his first start and missed most of the season; sent to the Padres in the Anthony Rizzo trade.

2007 TOP PICK

Josh Vitters, INF, Cypress (Calif.) High School Drove in team-high 81 runs in 129 games with Double-A Tennessee and was placed on 40-man roster in the offseason.

2006 TOP PICK

Tyler Colvin, OF, Clemson After impressing in the majors in 2010, Colvin struggled by hitting .150 in 80 games with the parent club last year and was traded to Colorado in the offseason.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

OF Matt Szczur (22) Former college football player (at Villanova) has enough speed and power to excite the Cubs brass.

SS Junior Lake (22) Hit .296 with 21 RBIs in 28 games in the Arizona Fall League after starring at Class A Daytona.

LHP Jeff Beliveau (25) Named organization's Pitcher of the Year after posting a 1.57 ERA in 53 appearances for Class A Daytona and Double-A Tennessee.

INF Justin Bour (23) Ready to make leap; 85 RBIs for Florida State League champ Daytona.

RHP Kevin Rhoderick (23) Right-place-at-the-right-time middle reliever who went 9-0 with a 3.03 ERA at Daytona and Tennessee.

CUBS ROSTER

General Manager: Jed Hoyer **Manager:** Dale Sveum **Coaches:** Chris Bosio (pitching), Rudy Jaramillo (batting), Pat Listach (third base), Dave McKay (first base), Jamie Quirk (bench), Lester Strode (bullpen)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
	Jeff Beliveau	L-L	6-1	215	1/17/87	Tennessee (AA)	6-1	1.89	41	0	3	57.0	37	12	69	
						Daytona (A)	0-1	0.52	12	0	2	17.1	13	6	20	
76	Alberto Cabrera	R-R	6-4	210	10/25/88	Iowa (AAA)	3-6	6.60	19	17	0	88.2	118	53	67	
						Tennessee (AA)	6-2	5.36	9	9	0	48.2	60	21	34	
37	Chris Carpenter	R-R	6-4	220	12/26/85	CHICAGO NL	0-0	2.79	10	0	0	9.2	12	7	8	
						Iowa (AAA)	2-3	6.53	22	0	1	30.1	32	23	28	
						Tennessee (AA)	1-1	4.38	10	0	1	12.1	10	4	6	
	Lendy Castillo	S-R	6-1	170	4/8/89	Lakewood (A)	4-2	2.54	21	2	0	46.0	37	16	46	
27	Casey Coleman	L-R	6-0	185	7/3/87	CHICAGO NL	3-9	6.40	19	17	0	84.1	102	46	75	
						Iowa (AAA)	5-2	3.65	12	12	0	74.0	69	22	54	
	Manuel Corpas	R-R	6-3	210	12/3/82	INJURED — Missed Season										
46	Ryan Dempster	R-R	6-2	215	5/3/77	CHICAGO NL	10-14	4.80	34	34	0	202.1	211	82	191	
66	Rafael Dolis	R-R	6-4	215	1/10/88	CHICAGO NL	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.1	0	1	1	
						Tennessee (AA)	8-5	3.22	51	4	17	72.2	61	35	48	
17	Matt Garza	R-R	6-4	215	11/26/83	CHICAGO NL	10-10	3.32	31	31	0	198.0	186	63	197	
54	John Gaub	R-L	6-2	210	4/28/85	CHICAGO NL	0-0	6.75	4	0	0	2.2	2	2	3	
						Iowa (AAA)	4-4	3.42	50	0	7	55.1	42	40	75	
	Paul Maholm	L-L	6-2	220	6/25/82	PITTSBURGH	6-14	3.66	26	26	0	162.1	160	50	97	
57	Scott Maine	L-L	6-3	215	2/2/85	CHICAGO NL	0-0	10.29	7	0	0	7.0	11	5	5	
						Iowa (AAA)	3-4	3.68	38	0	12	51.1	38	25	72	
49	Carlos Marmol	R-R	6-2	215	10/14/82	CHICAGO NL	2-6	4.01	75	0	34	74.0	54	48	99	
62	Marcos Mateo	R-R	6-1	220	4/18/84	CHICAGO NL	1-2	4.30	23	0	0	23.0	24	10	25	
						Iowa (AAA)	1-3	6.87	16	0	2	18.1	20	10	18	
40	James Russell	L-L	6-4	200	1/8/86	CHICAGO NL	1-6	4.12	64	5	0	67.2	76	14	43	
29	Jeff Samardzija	R-R	6-5	225	1/23/85	CHICAGO NL	8-4	2.97	75	0	0	88.0	64	50	87	
	Andy Sonnanstine	L-R	6-3	190	3/18/83	TAMPA BAY	0-2	5.55	15	4	0	35.2	40	12	12	
						Durham (AAA)	3-6	4.82	10	9	0	56.0	64	15	35	
41	Chris Volstad	R-R	6-8	214	9/23/86	FLORIDA	5-13	4.89	29	29	0	165.2	187	49	117	
						New Orleans (AAA)	1-1	4.42	3	3	0	18.1	20	9	14	
	Casey Weathers	R-R	6-1	205	6/10/85	Tulsa (AA)	2-2	5.32	44	0	0	45.2	32	48	48	
36	Randy Wells	R-R	6-5	230	8/28/82	CHICAGO NL	7-6	4.99	23	23	0	135.1	141	47	82	
						Iowa (AAA)	0-1	13.50	1	1	0	4.0	6	3	3	
						Peoria (A)	0-1	2.45	1	1	0	3.2	6	0	1	
	Kerry Wood	R-R	6-5	210	7/28/98	CHICAGO NL	3-5	3.35	55	0	1	51.0	45	21	57	
34	Travis Wood	R-L	5-11	175	2/6/87	CINCINNATI	6-6	4.84	22	18	0	106.0	118	40	76	
						Louisville (AAA)	2-3	5.33	10	10	0	52.1	64	17	47	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
53	Wellington Castillo	R-R	5-10	210	4/24/87	CHICAGO NL	.154	4	13	0	2	0	0	0	4	0
						Iowa (AAA)	.286	61	227	38	65	15	35	20	57	0
						Daytona (A)	.238	12	42	6	10	1	7	6	9	0
						Mesa (R)	.667	2	6	2	4	0	0	3	0	0
51	Steve Clevenger	L-R	6-0	195	4/5/86	CHICAGO NL	.250	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
						Iowa (AAA)	.407	25	86	9	35	3	15	9	7	1
						Tennessee (AA)	.295	95	312	42	92	5	39	35	39	1
18	Geovany Soto	R-R	6-1	220	1/20/83	CHICAGO NL	.228	125	421	46	96	17	54	45	124	0
						Tennessee (AA)	.000	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
28	Jeff Baker	R-R	6-2	210	6/21/81	CHICAGO NL	.269	81	201	20	54	3	23	10	46	0
						Iowa (AAA)	.300	3	10	1	3	0	1	0	1	0
15	Darwin Barney	R-R	5-10	179	11/8/85	CHICAGO NL	.276	143	529	66	146	2	43	22	67	9
						Iowa (AAA)	.357	4	14	3	5	1	3	0	2	1
	Jeff Bianchi	R-R	5-10	190	10/5/86	NW Arkansas (AA)	.259	119	444	63	115	2	48	39	85	20
13	Starlin Castro	R-R	6-0	190	3/24/90	CHICAGO NL	.307	158	674	91	207	10	66	35	96	22
9	Blake DeWitt	L-R	5-11	195	8/20/85	CHICAGO NL	.265	121	230	21	61	5	26	12	31	1
6	Bryan LaHair	L-R	6-5	240	11/5/82	CHICAGO NL	.288	20	59	9	17	2	6	9	18	0
						Iowa (AAA)	.331	129	456	91	151	38	109	60	111	2
	Junior Lake	R-R	6-2	215	3/27/90	Tennessee (AA)	.248	67	242	41	60	6	17	13	60	19
	Anthony Rizzo	L-L	6-3	220	8/8/89	SAN DIEGO	.141	49	128	9	18	1	9	21	46	2
						Tucson (AAA)	.331	93	356	64	118	26	101	43	89	7
	Ian Stewart	L-R	6-3	215	4/5/85	COLORADO	.156	48	122	14	19	0	6	14	37	3
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.275	45	171	29	47	14	42	22	51	1
61	Josh Vitters	R-R	6-2	200	8/27/89	Tennessee (AA)	.283	129	449	56	127	14	81	22	54	4
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
24	Marlon Byrd	R-R	6-0	245	8/30/77	CHICAGO NL	.276	119	446	51	123	9	35	25	78	3
						Iowa (AAA)	.267	4	15	4	4	1	3	2	2	1
41	Tony Campana	L-L	5-8	165	5/30/86	CHICAGO NL	.259	95	143	24	37	1	6	8	30	24
						Iowa (AAA)	.342	30	120	27	41	0	9	6	23	8
	David DeJesus	L-L	5-11	192	12/20/79	OAKLAND	.240	131	442	60	106	10	46	45	86	4
	Reed Johnson	R-R	5-10	180	12/8/76	CHICAGO NL	.309	111	246	33	76	2	15	5	63	2
	Dave Sappelt	R-R	5-9	195	1/2/87	CINCINNATI	.243	38	107	14	26	0	5	7	17	1
						Louisville (AAA)	.313	74	297	40	93	7	29	30	39	4
12	Alfonso Soriano	R-R	6-1	195	1/7/76	CHICAGO NL	.244	137	475	50	116	26	88	27	113	2
						Iowa (AAA)	.077	3	13	3	1	0	0	0	4	0
	Matt Szczur	R-R	6-1	195	7/20/89	Daytona (A)	.260	43	173	20	45	5	19	5	20	7
						Peoria (A)	.314	66	274	55	86	5	27	21	28	17



CINCINNATI REDS

2012
PREDICTION

2ND

NL CENTRAL

2011
RECORD
79-83

HOME: 42-39 ROAD: 37-44

TEAM STADIUM

Great American Ball Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

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TEAM WEBSITE

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**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	72	5th
2008	74	5th
2009	78	4th
2010	91	1st
2011	79	3rd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 1B Joey Votto

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Johnny Cueto

BUY LOW ♦ SP Mike Leake



SELL HIGH ♦ SP Mat Latos

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ 3B Scott Rolen

IPO ♦ C Devin Mesoraco

FUTURES MARKET ♦ INF Billy Hamilton

INSIDER TIP ♦ Votto is risky in NL-only leagues. If the Reds struggle (and they probably will), he'll become trade bait.

Entering the 2011 season, general manager Walt Jocketty essentially did nothing to upgrade a team coming off winning the National League Central Division championship. The Reds subsequently slipped to a third-place finish. This offseason, however, Jocketty didn't stand pat. In fact, he might have committed the small-market sin of mortgaging the future for instant gratification. Jocketty clearly had an "all-in" approach, making a trifecta of transactions that could put the Reds in position to contend for their first NL pennant in 22 years.

Jocketty landed one of the NL's top young starting pitchers (Mat Latos), one of its top set-up relievers (Sean Marshall) and one of its best closers (Ryan Madson). All three pitchers very well could be the difference in a division that's now void of Albert Pujols and most likely Prince Fielder. Latos brings instant credibility to a rotation that was decimated by injuries and inconsistency, not to mention that Cincinnati mostly had bottom-of-the-rotation-caliber starters. The 24-year-old righthander's 3.47 ERA would have led Cincinnati last season among qualified starters. Latos' arrival gives the Reds two legitimate front-line starters, including ace Johnny Cueto. Cincinnati could end up with one of the most dominant rotations in the NL, depending on the development of \$30 million flamethrower Aroldis Chapman.

The Reds still have the core of the lineup intact from the 2010 playoff season. But a lineup led by All-Stars Joey Votto and Brandon Phillips isn't without issues. The Reds have major concerns about the health of All-Star third baseman Scott Rolen, who missed 80 games last season. The leadoff role is a black hole entering spring, considering speedy center fielder Drew Stubbs struck out a club-record 205 times in 2011.

ROTATION To some extent, the Reds last season began to see the years of stockpiling pitching prospects pay off. Cueto's emergence as the new ace further buried the nightmarish years of having veteran wash-ups in the ace role. After a shaky start, Mike Leake, another homegrown product, rebounded to win a team-high 12 games. But the rest of the rotation was a major disappointment. Swapping the underachieving Edinson Volquez for Latos is a significant upgrade. The only concern with Latos is how he'll adjust from working in pitcher-friendly Petco Park to the launching pad that is Great American Ball Park. The Reds could conceivably have an even newer ace, depending on Chapman's development. But a sore shoulder hampered his progress during the offseason, and the 106-mph-man most likely will start the season in Class AAA Louisville's rotation or in the Reds' bullpen. Bronson Arroyo is the only over-30 starter, and he is expected to bounce back after struggling with mononucleosis last season.

BULLPEN With two moves, the Reds ascended from a lower-tier bullpen to possibly the NL's best. The pitching version of the M&M Boys — Madson and Marshall — coupled with hard-throwing righthanders Logan Ondrusek and Nick Masset could end up reminding Reds fans of the Nasty Boys of the early 1990s. Considering upside and age, Madson, 31, is an upgrade over aging, three-time all-star Francisco Cordero. In 2011 with Philadelphia, Madson had a 2.37 ERA and converted 32 of 34 saves chances in his



JOEY VOTTO

DIFFERENCE MAKER **MAT LATOS**

GM Walt Jocketty's decision to pay a steep price to acquire Latos sent a loud-and-clear message: This front-line starting pitcher is the key player to getting the Reds back to the playoffs. Latos' career 3.37 ERA is tops among the Reds' projected starting rotation. Last season, he recorded 20 quality starts, which would have led the Reds. With Latos and ace Johnny Cueto, the Reds now believe they have the 1-2 punch at the top of their rotation that rivals the front-line starters of the other National League contenders.

first full season as a closer. During the past two seasons with the Cubs, Marshall had a 2.45 ERA and 169 strikeouts in 150.1 innings. Masset and Ondrusek were inconsistent last season following an outstanding 2010, but they both had extended stretches in which they were almost unhittable.

MIDDLE INFIELD Phillips should continue to establish himself as the NL's top all-around second baseman. The Reds picked up his \$12 million option for 2012, and the club is hoping to avoid having his contract status be a distraction. A fan favorite, Phillips has made no secret about the fact that he wants a multi-year deal. The other question surrounding Phillips: Where will he end up in the batting order? No. 2 is ideal, but he could end up batting leadoff if Stubbs struggles this spring or cleanup if Rolen breaks down. At shortstop, former second-round pick Zack Cozart gave the Reds a promising glimpse last season, batting .324 after a July call-up. But he played in just 11 games before suffering a season-ending elbow injury.

CORNERS The Reds are hoping to squeeze one more season out of eight-time Gold Glove winner Rolen, who enters the final year of his contract. He turns 37 the first week of the season and has been on the disabled list three times the past two years. For as much credit as he received for helping the Reds end their playoff drought in 2010, his absence was a big reason why Cincinnati missed the postseason last year. Rolen played in just 65 games. For all of Votto's accomplishments the past two seasons, he still was overshadowed by Pujols. Votto now is arguably the premier first baseman in the NL. Additionally, Votto no longer has to answer questions about what the Reds are going to do with first baseman and top-hitting prospect Yonder Alonso, who was dealt to San Diego in the Latos trade.

OUTFIELD The Reds are ready for the Texas twosome of Bruce and Stubbs to bury some major issues. For Bruce, it's inconsistency. For Stubbs, it's strikeouts. Bruce had a bizarre 2011, winning NL Player of the Month in May for batting .342 with 12 homers and 33 RBIs. But that month was sandwiched by a .228, four-homer April and .217, two-homer June. Somehow, though, the right fielder was named to the All-Star team, but then batted just .241 with 11 homers after the break. Stubbs has struck out an eye-popping 422 times in two-plus seasons. His 40 stolen bases tied for second in the NL last year, and his speed is the only reason why the Reds aren't quite ready to give up on him as the leadoff batter. Instructors will continue to try to teach Stubbs how to bunt this spring. Left fielder Chris Heisey, who tied for the team lead in pinch hits in 2011, isn't a proven everyday player.

CATCHING The Reds compromised their organizational catching depth by not re-signing veteran Ramon Hernandez and trading former top draft pick Yasmani Grandal. Still, the club is the envy of most teams at the posi-

STATISTICIAN

- 0.00** ERA newly acquired reliever Sean Marshall recorded in 15 appearances (16.1 innings) last season against division rivals Milwaukee and St. Louis.
- .348** Joey Votto's batting average with runners in scoring position since he made his major league debut on Sept. 4, 2007 — best in the majors since then.
- 1** Inning Bronson Arroyo needed to reach 200 innings pitched for the seventh straight season.
- 2** Players who have struck out 200-plus times in a season in major league history, including Drew Stubbs in 2011.
- 6** Times pitcher Homer Bailey and third baseman Scott Rolen have combined to go on the disabled list the past two seasons
- 12** Walkoff losses the Reds suffered last year, fourth-most in the majors and the most for Cincinnati since enduring 14 such defeats in 1993.

REDS

BATTING ORDER

2B Brandon Phillips (R)	Three-time Gold Glove winner led all National League second basemen with a .300 batting average.
SS Zack Cozart (R)	Began his major league career on a seven-game hitting streak, longest by a Red to start his career in a decade.
1B Joey Votto (L)	Became only the fourth player in Reds history to hit at least .320 with 37 homers and 113 RBIs.
3B Scott Rolen (R)	Seven-time All-Star is batting just .242 with seven home runs since August 2010 (including postseason).
RF Jay Bruce (L)	Among five active players to hit at least 20 home runs in each of his first four seasons.
CF Drew Stubbs (R)	Became the first Red to record 40 stolen bases since Deion Sanders had 56 in 1997.
LF Chris Heisey (R)	Led the Reds with three multi-homer games, three leadoff home runs and two pinch-hit home runs in 2011. The Reds pitching staff went 7-6 in the <i>Baseball America</i> top 100 prospect's 13 starts last season.

BENCH

C Ryan Hanigan (R)	Career highs in games (91), runs (27), hits (71) and homers (6).
OF Ryan Ludwick (R)	Hit 37 home runs as recently as 2008 with the Cards; spent 2011 season with the Padres and Pirates.
INF Miguel Cairo (R)	Reliable and versatile veteran played first, second and third base and produced a career-high eight home runs.
SS Paul Janish (R)	Flopped as the everyday shortstop because he batted just .214, including 0-for-28 streak late in the season.
3B Juan Francisco (L)	A knee injury kept the power-hitting prospect from gaining experience when Rolen went down in July.

ROTATION

RH Johnny Cueto	The club's new ace missed reaching double-digits in wins because of five blown saves.
RH Mat Latos	Cincinnati should provide more help after he finished 88th in run support with San Diego last year.
RH Bronson Arroyo	Hampered by mono, innings-eating veteran finished with a National League-worst 5.07 ERA.
RH Mike Leake	After returning in May from a demotion to the minors, he was the club's second-best starter (9-7, 3.36 ERA).
RH Homer Bailey	Management regained confidence in former top pick after career highs in starts (22), wins (9), K's (106).

BULLPEN

RH Ryan Madson (Closer)	Only allowed two HRs in 60.2 IPs, a big plus as he transitions from one homer-friendly park to another.
LH Sean Marshall	The 6'7" lefty has a career 2.42 ERA in 15 appearances (26 innings) at Great American Ball Park.
RH Nick Masset	Considered a potential closer-in-waiting entering 2011, he blew six saves.
RH Logan Ondrusek	His 0.68 ERA over a 29-game span was one of the most dominant stretches by a Reds pitcher last year.
RH Sam LeCure	Long reliever is an option if a starter goes down, having posted a 4.79 ERA in four starts.
LH Bill Bray	Finally healthy, the former first-round pick finished tied for second in the National League with 79 appearances.
RH Jose Arredondo	Unspectacular but consistent in logging a career-high 53 appearances in his first season with the Reds.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Much like last spring, the focus in camp will be on the competition for the final two spots in the starting rotation. And most of the same players will be doing battle — Aroldis Chapman, Mike Leake and Homer Bailey. But unlike last spring, Chapman will be given more of an opportunity to win a spot in the rotation. What happens if all three pitch well? Ryan Ludwick, signed in January, will battle Chris Heisey for playing time in left field. The other battle of intrigue will be at shortstop between Paul Janish and Zack Cozart, the odds-on favorite to win the job.

STATLINE



HIGHEST LINE DRIVE %, 2010-11

- 1. Joey Votto, Reds 24.0**
- 2t. Nyjer Morgan, Brewers .. 23.5
- 2t. James Loney, Dodgers .. 23.5
4. Andre Ethier, Dodgers 23.4
5. Cliff Pennington, A's 23.1

Source: fangraphs.com

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

SCHEDULE

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MIA	STL	STL	STL	WAS	WAS	WAS
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
WAS	STL	STL	STL	CHC	CHC	CHC
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CHC	SF	SF	SF	HOU	HOU	HOU
29	30					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		CHC	CHC	CHC	PIT	PIT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
PIT	MIL	MIL	MIL	WAS	WAS	WAS
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
WAS	ATL	ATL	NYM	NYM	NYM	NYM
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
NYM	ATL	ATL	ATL	COL	COL	COL
27	28	29	30	31		
COL	PIT	PIT	PIT			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					HOU	HOU
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
HOU	PIT	PIT	PIT	DET	DET	DET
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
DET	CLE	CLE	CLE	NYM	NYM	NYM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
NYM	CLE	CLE	CLE	MIN	MIN	MIN
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
MIN	MIL	MIL	MIL	SF	SF	SF

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SF	LAD	LAD	LAD	SD	SD	SD
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SD	ALL STAR GAME 2012				STL	STL
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
STL	ARI	ARI	ARI	ARI	MIL	MIL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
MIL	HOU	HOU	HOU	COL	COL	COL
29	30	31				
COL	SD	SD				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			SD	SD	PIT	PIT
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
PIT	MIL	MIL	MIL	CHC	CHC	CHC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
CHC	NYM	NYM	NYM	CHC	CHC	CHC
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CHC	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	STL	STL
26	27	28	29	30	31	
STL	ARI	ARI	ARI	HOU		

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						HOU
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
HOU	PHI	PHI	PHI	HOU	HOU	HOU
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
HOU	PIT	PIT	PIT	MIA	MIA	MIA
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
MIA	CHC	CHC	CHC	LAD	LAD	LAD
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
LAD	MIL	MIL	MIL	PIT	PIT	PIT
30	1	2	3			
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tion. The offseason moves mean the Reds are confident in 23-year-old former first-round pick Devin Mesoraco, whom some scouts have likened to Johnny Bench. The Reds will give him a crack to be the everyday catcher, but Ryan Hanigan will still get plenty of playing time. The Reds also signed former All-Star Dioner Navarro to a minor league contract for insurance.

BENCH From an offensive standpoint, the bench is shaping up to be the club's weakest link. Defensively, it should be one of the team's strengths. The Reds led the NL in pinch-hitting (.286), but versatile veteran Miguel Cairo might end up being the only proven player off the bench. Ryan Ludwick was signed in January to be the fourth outfielder, but he will be in the mix for playing time on a regular basis in left field. Shortstop Paul Janish and Todd Frazier, who can play 5-6 positions, are outstanding defensive players.

MANAGEMENT

Owner Bob Castellini holds himself very accountable to the fans, and he was not happy about the Reds' backsliding in 2011. He signed Jockey to a three-year contract extension in September, entrusting his long-time friend to make some quick fixes without tearing up the core of the team. Jockey did that with the Latos and Marshall trades. But it's quite possible that trading away three former first-round picks — Grandal, Alonso and pitcher Brad Boxberger — and Wood will come back to haunt Jockey in a few years. But management is all-in for 2012, which also is the final year of manager Dusty Baker's contract.

FINAL ANALYSIS The Reds believe the addition of Latos and St. Louis' subsequent loss of Pujols put Cincinnati back as the division favorite. But it will take more than Latos to win the division. If Chapman successfully makes the transition to starting, the Reds could possibly run away with things. Still, Cincinnati will need to regain the clutch-hitting magic it had in 2010, when it ranked second in the majors with a .278 average with runners in scoring position. The Reds' inability to deliver clutch hits was reflected in the fact they suffered 33 one-run losses, most in the National League. A healthy Rolen and more consistent Bruce will be critical to propelling the Reds into the playoffs.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

CINCINNATI REDS

ELITE COMPANY Despite missing 80 games in 2011, Scott Rolen reached some lofty hitting milestones. He joined Hall of Famer George Brett and Atlanta's Chipper Jones as the only third basemen in history to record at least 2,000 hits, 500 doubles, 300 home runs and 1,200 RBI.

NORTHERN EXPOSURE First baseman Joey Votto sure is making the motherland proud. Votto became one of eight Canadian-born major leaguers to reach the 100 home run milestone. Votto has 119 career homers, placing him seventh all-time among Canadians. With an NL-best 110 walks in 2011, the first baseman established a single-season record for Canadian-born players, moving ahead of Jack Graney (105 walks in 1919).

TWEETS OF STRENGTH Last season, Reds management and players lauded second baseman Brandon Phillips for emerging as a leader. He seemed to accept criticism better and hustle more consistently. The reason? Twitter therapy. Phillips has one of the

most popular Twitter feeds of any professional athlete (@DatDudeBP has over 192,000 followers), and the social media site helped Phillips have better self-awareness and hold himself more accountable to the organization and fans.

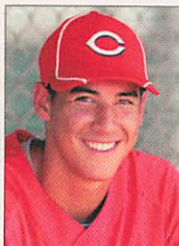
IN MEMORIAM On Oct. 18, a day after Cincinnati icon Carl H. Lindner Jr. died at 92, the Reds paid tribute to their former owner by posting a message on the giant video screen at empty Great American Ball Park. He was consistently listed among *Forbes'* richest Americans and beloved across Greater Cincinnati for donating millions to charities. But Lindner's ownership of the Reds was rather forgettable, at least in terms of on-field success. He did oversee construction of Great American Ball Park and established the award-winning Reds Community Fund. But the Reds had only two winning seasons during his seven years of ownership (1999-2005). Lindner was criticized for the ill-fated trade that brought Ken Griffey Jr. to Cincinnati in 2000, a move that financially hampered the franchise for years.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

ROBERT STEPHENSON

Ever since the Reds fired general manager Jim Bowden in 2003, Cincinnati has focused on stockpiling top pitching prospects, and this righthander is one who excites the Reds faithful. Selected 27th overall in the 2011 draft, the 6'2", 190-pound Stephenson became the Reds' first straight-out-of-high-school top draft pick since Homer Bailey in 2004. But the Reds most likely will not have to fast-track Stephenson like they did Bailey. Signed to a \$2 million contract, Stephenson, 19, has No. 1 starter potential. He has a three-pitch arsenal, with his fastball clocked at 98 mph. Stephenson struck out 237 batters in 147 innings in his junior and senior seasons at Alhambra High School in Martinez, Calif. He started his senior season by tossing back-to-back, complete-game no-hitters.



2010 TOP PICK

Yasmani Grandal, C, Miami (Fla.) He led the Reds' minor league system with a .401 on-base percentage in 2011, but was dealt to San Diego in the Mat Latos trade.

2009 TOP PICK

Mike Leake, RHP, Arizona State After an early season run-in with the law, he ended up tying for the Reds lead with four starts lasting at least eight innings.

2008 TOP PICK

Yonder Alonso, 1B, Miami (Fla.) Management tried hard to find a position for this severely limited defensive player before trading him to San Diego.

2007 TOP PICK

Devin Mesoraco, C, Punxsutawney (Pa.) HS The International League All-Star led Class AAA Louisville in doubles and walks and tied for the team lead in hits in 2011.

2006 TOP PICK

Drew Stubbs, OF, Texas Texan was hardest player in the National League to double up in 2011 (two GDPs, 604 at-bats).

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

2B Billy Hamilton (21) Considered baseball's top second base prospect, the heir apparent to Brandon Phillips recorded a Reds minor league-record 103 steals in 2011.

OF Yorman Rodriguez (19) Considered a five-tool player, the 19-year-old batted .329 with runners in scoring position at Class A Dayton last season.

LHP Donnie Joseph (24) A potential closer-of-the-future, the 2009 third-round draft pick led the Reds' minor leagues with 24 saves two years ago.

SS Didi Gregorius (22) The Dutchman batted .289 at two levels in 2011, and the left-handed hitter could receive a September call-up.

RHP Daniel Corcino (21) Highly regarded starting pitching prospect had a 3.42 ERA last season in Single-A.

REDS ROSTER

General Manager: Walt Jocketty **Manager:** Dusty Baker **Coaches:** Mark Berry (third base), Billy Hatcher (first base), Brook Jacoby (batting), Mack Jenkins (assistant pitching), Juan Lopez (bullpen), Bryan Price (pitching), Chris Speier (bench)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
33	Jose Arredondo	R-R	6-0	188	3/12/84	CINCINNATI	4-4	3.23	53	0	0	53.0	43	31	48	
						Louisville (AAA)	1-1	2.25	6	0	0	8.0	6	2	10	
						Carolina (AA)	1-0	2.35	6	0	0	7.2	4	4	11	
61	Bronson Arroyo	R-R	6-4	193	2/24/77	CINCINNATI	9-12	5.07	32	32	0	199.0	227	45	108	
34	Homer Bailey	R-R	6-3	207	5/3/86	CINCINNATI	9-7	4.43	22	22	0	132.0	136	33	106	
						Louisville (AAA)	2-1	3.00	6	6	0	30.0	34	6	22	
50	Andrew Brackman	R-R	6-10	230	12/4/85	NEW YORK AL	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	2.1	1	3	0	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	3-6	6.00	33	13	1	96.0	82	75	75	
45	Bill Bray	L-L	6-3	228	6/5/83	CINCINNATI	5-3	2.98	79	0	0	48.1	35	17	44	
						Louisville (AAA)	2-0	4.15	11	0	0	13.0	12	5	11	
54	Aroldis Chapman	L-L	6-4	200	2/28/88	CINCINNATI	4-1	3.60	54	0	1	50.0	24	41	71	
						Louisville (AAA)	0-1	11.12	4	1	0	5.2	9	2	9	
						Carolina (AA)	1-1	6.14	5	2	0	7.1	5	6	11	
47	Johnny Cueto	R-R	5-10	214	2/15/86	CINCINNATI	9-5	2.31	24	24	0	156.0	123	47	104	
						Louisville (AAA)	0-2	6.28	4	4	0	14.1	19	6	13	
46	Carlos Fisher	R-R	6-4	222	2/22/83	CINCINNATI	0-3	4.50	17	0	0	24.0	25	11	17	
						Louisville (AAA)	4-1	3.35	32	0	6	40.1	31	18	40	
56	Josh Judy	R-R	6-4	210	2/9/86	CLEVELAND	0-0	7.07	12	0	0	14.0	18	4	10	
						Columbus (AAA)	6-2	3.12	50	0	23	52.0	44	25	60	
55	Mat Latos	R-R	6-6	224	12/9/87	SAN DIEGO	9-14	3.47	31	31	0	194.1	168	62	185	
44	Mike Leake	R-R	5-11	180	11/12/87	CINCINNATI	12-9	3.86	29	26	0	167.2	159	38	118	
						Louisville (AAA)	0-1	9.82	2	1	0	7.1	12	0	5	
63	Sam LeCure	R-R	6-1	210	5/4/84	CINCINNATI	2-1	3.71	43	4	0	77.2	57	21	73	
						Louisville (AAA)	0-1	1.35	4	0	1	6.2	5	2	6	
71	Kyle Lotzkar	L-R	6-4	204	10/24/89	Dayton (A)	3-2	4.32	14	14	0	66.2	51	25	72	
	Ryan Madson	L-R	6-6	202	8/28/80	PHILADELPHIA	4-2	2.37	62	0	32	60.2	54	16	62	
						Clearwater (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	1.0	0	0	1	
51	Sean Marshall	L-L	6-7	220	8/30/82	CHICAGO NL	6-6	2.26	78	0	5	75.2	66	17	79	
40	Nick Masset	R-R	6-4	235	5/17/82	CINCINNATI	3-6	3.71	75	0	1	70.1	76	31	62	
66	Logan Ondrusek	R-R	6-8	230	2/13/85	CINCINNATI	5-5	3.23	66	0	0	61.1	55	28	41	
62	Jordan Smith	R-R	6-4	224	2/4/86	CINCINNATI	0-0	7.20	17	0	0	20.0	32	8	13	
						Louisville (AAA)	0-4	3.08	24	0	7	26.1	25	9	13	
						AZL Reds (R)	0-0	1.50	4	3	0	6.0	6	0	2	
76	Pedro Villarreal	R-R	6-1	225	12/9/87	Carolina (AA)	7-4	4.42	17	17	0	91.2	92	20	68	
						Bakersfield (A)	4-3	4.34	10	10	0	58.0	68	8	41	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
29	Ryan Hanigan	R-R	6-0	208	8/16/80	CINCINNATI	.267	91	266	27	71	6	31	35	32	0
39	Devin Mesoraco	R-R	6-1	227	6/19/88	CINCINNATI	.180	18	50	5	9	2	6	3	10	0
						Louisville (AAA)	.289	120	436	60	126	15	71	52	83	1
	Dinoer Navarro	S-R	5-9	205	2/9/84	LOS ANGELES NL	.193	64	176	13	34	5	17	20	35	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
43	Miguel Cairo	R-R	6-1	223	5/4/74	CINCINNATI	.265	102	245	33	65	8	33	18	36	3
2	Zack Cozart	R-R	6-0	194	8/12/85	CINCINNATI	.324	11	37	6	12	2	3	0	6	0
						Louisville (AAA)	.310	77	323	57	100	7	32	23	51	9
25	Juan Francisco	L-R	6-2	243	6/24/87	CINCINNATI	.258	31	93	10	24	3	15	4	24	1
						Louisville (AAA)	.307	74	300	46	92	15	50	10	65	0
						AZL Reds (R)	.500	5	18	3	9	1	3	1	3	0
21	Todd Frazier	R-R	6-3	217	2/12/86	CINCINNATI	.232	41	112	17	26	6	15	7	27	1
						Louisville (AAA)	.260	90	315	47	82	15	46	34	82	17
68	Didi Gregorius	L-R	6-1	183	2/18/90	Carolina (AA)	.270	38	148	18	40	2	16	9	25	3
						Bakersfield (A)	.303	46	188	30	57	5	28	10	25	8
7	Paul Janish	R-R	6-2	200	10/12/82	CINCINNATI	.214	114	336	27	72	0	23	18	46	3
						Louisville (AAA)	.256	13	43	9	11	1	3	7	4	1
71	Kristopher Negron	R-R	6-0	193	2/1/86	Louisville (AAA)	.216	123	417	54	90	9	45	22	102	11
4	Brandon Phillips	R-R	6-0	198	6/28/81	CINCINNATI	.300	150	610	94	183	18	82	44	85	14
74	Henry Rodriguez	S-R	5-10	150	2/9/90	Carolina (AA)	.302	69	278	39	84	5	37	25	43	18
						Bakersfield (A)	.340	58	238	37	81	8	44	14	35	12
27	Scott Rolen	R-R	6-4	247	4/4/75	CINCINNATI	.242	65	252	31	61	5	36	10	36	1
69	Neftali Soto	R-R	6-2	200	2/28/89	Louisville (AAA)	.412	4	17	1	7	1	4	1	2	0
						Carolina (AA)	.272	102	379	70	103	30	76	25	96	0
3	Chris Valaika	R-R	6-0	217	8/14/85	CINCINNATI	.280	14	25	3	7	0	0	2	3	0
						Louisville (AAA)	.261	109	417	39	109	7	37	21	65	1
19	Joey Votto	L-R	6-3	223	9/10/83	CINCINNATI	.309	161	599	101	185	29	103	110	129	8
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
32	Jay Bruce	L-L	6-3	233	4/3/87	CINCINNATI	.256	157	585	84	150	32	97	71	158	8
28	Chris Heisey	R-R	6-0	219	12/14/84	CINCINNATI	.254	120	279	44	71	18	50	19	78	6
						Louisville (AAA)	.083	4	12	1	1	1	2	0	5	0
	Ryan Ludwick	R-L	6-3	215	7/13/78	SAN DIEGO	.238	101	378	42	90	11	64	32	87	1
						PITTSBURGH	.232	38	112	14	26	2	11	19	37	0
73	Donald Lutz	L-R	6-3	234	2/6/89	Dayton (A)	.301	123	465	85	140	20	75	34	125	5
23	Denis Phipps	R-R	6-3	210	7/22/85	Louisville (AAA)	.380	40	158	30	60	5	26	13	41	4
						Carolina (AA)	.328	82	305	53	100	7	38	27	83	10
6	Drew Stubbs	R-R	6-4	205	10/4/84	CINCINNATI	.243	158	604	92	147	15	44	63	205	40



HOUSTON ASTROS

**2012
PREDICTION**

6TH

NL CENTRAL

**2011
RECORD**
56-106

HOME: 31-50 ROAD: 25-56

TEAM STADIUM
Minute Maid Park

TICKETS CAPACITY
713-259-8000 40,950

TEAM WEBSITE
houston.astros.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	73	4th
2008	86	3rd
2009	74	5th
2010	76	4th
2011	56	6th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ None

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Wandy Rodriguez

BUY LOW ♦ 2B Jose Altuve



SELL HIGH ♦ 1B Brett Wallace

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ C Jason Castro

IPO ♦ RP David Carpenter

FUTURES MARKET ♦ 1B/OF Jonathan Singleton

INSIDER TIP ♦ Not a lot to see here, but Altuve, SS Jed Lowrie and SP Bud Norris are likely to be undervalued.

No team is undergoing as much of a drastic change on and off the field as the Astros, who are under the leadership of a new owner and general manager entering 2012 and will be competing in their 51st and final season in the National

League. The Astros, in the midst of a major rebuilding project, will be moving to the American League in 2013, which was a stipulation of the team being sold to a group led by Houston businessman Jim Crane. New management remains committed to building through player development, which means the Astros will suffer at the major league level for the time being.

Coming off a club-record 106-loss season, the Astros aren't in position to contend in their final year in the NL Central. They'll spend much of the 2012 season getting a longer look at the bevy of rookies who made their debuts a year earlier, while pushing an improving list of prospects through the minor league system.

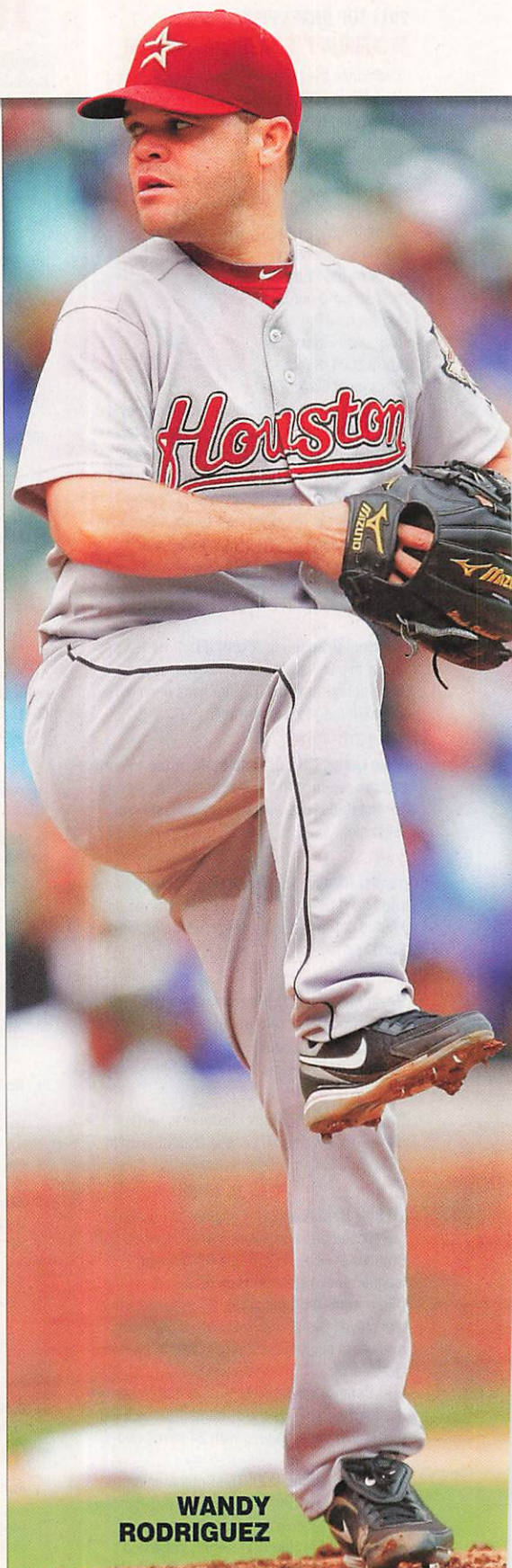
Led by veterans Wandy Rodriguez and Brett Myers, the Astros' rotation is actually not as bad as you would think for a team that lost so many games. But the bullpen remains a work in progress, and there are question marks all over the diamond.

Still, the Astros have promising young players to keep an eye on, including third baseman Jimmy Paredes, second baseman Jose Altuve, shortstop Jed Lowrie and outfielder J.D. Martinez. And don't forget catcher Jason Castro, a former first-round pick who missed all of last season with a serious knee injury.

The Astros are digging themselves out of a huge hole, but they appear to be on the right track and hope to continue to lay the foundation toward competing in the AL within the next three or four years. There's nowhere to go but up.

ROTATION The Astros shopped veterans Rodriguez and Myers in the offseason, but they return to form a solid 1-2 punch at the top of the rotation. Bud Norris has settled in nicely as the No. 3 starter and has the stuff to lead the rotation, so 2012 could be a breakout season for him. The previously steady J.A. Happ is back and hoping his nightmarish 2011 is behind him, and he can take solace in the fact he pitched well in the last month of the season. Rookie Jordan Lyles pitched at 20 years old in the rotation for half of last year and figures to be battling for a spot with Kyle Weiland, Lucas Harrell and Henry Sosa. Weiland came over from Boston in the trade of Mark Melancon, Harrell was claimed off waivers from the White Sox last year, and Sosa held his own after coming over from the Giants in last year's Jeff Keppinger trade.

BULLPEN The Astros traded Melancon, their closer, in December to the Red Sox, but there is no shortage of arms in the Astros bullpen. Plus, veteran Brandon Lyon, who missed the final four months of last season following major arm surgery, will be back and healthy for 2012 and could step back into the closer's role. The durable Wilton Lopez will be back to eat up innings at the back of the bullpen, and hard-throwing David Carpenter, fresh off a strong rookie campaign, is capable of getting big outs late in games. The Astros like what lefthander Sergio Escalona did last year while healthy, and Fernando



**WANDY
RODRIGUEZ**

DIFFERENCE MAKER JASON CASTRO

Castro missed all of last season after undergoing major knee surgery and then suffered a setback in early December when he had surgery to remove a bone in his left foot. Still, he is expected to be ready for Opening Day. The Astros are anxious to see what their 2008 first-round pick is capable of doing during an entire major league season, but his rash of injuries could limit his playing time. The Astros have a lot invested in their catcher of the future, and they could be in good shape behind the plate if Castro answers the call.

Rodriguez was a huge bright spot in 2011 after being a non-roster invitee to spring camp. The Astros drafted flame-throwing Rhiner Cruz in the Rule 5 Draft in December and will have to keep him on the 25-man roster all season or risk losing him.

MIDDLE INFIELD With Clint Barmes leaving in free agency, the Astros addressed their need at shortstop by making a trade with the Red Sox for Lowrie, who will be the starter in 2012. Lowrie, 27, has played a part-time role with the Red Sox since 2008, appearing in a career-high 88 games last season and hitting .252. He's a career .214 hitter with a .293 on-base percentage as a left-handed hitter and a .326 hitter with a .385 on-base percentage from the right side. The 5'7" Altuve returns as the starter at second base after hitting .276 with two homers and 12 RBIs in his major league debut last year. The jury is still out on whether Altuve can hit at the big league level, but he's certainly fun to watch.

CORNERS When the Astros traded Hunter Pence last year, they called up one of their top prospects, Martinez, and put him in left field, moving Carlos Lee to first base, where he performed pretty well. Martinez wound up leading the team in homers and RBIs and appears to be the starter at first entering 2012. That being said, Brett Wallace — the team's starter at first in 2011 — could push for playing time if he does well in the spring. At third, another Opening Day starter from 2011, Chris Johnson, is trying to hit his way back into the lineup after a disappointing season. But he'll have to beat out Paredes, an athletic switch-hitter who can be an adventure defensively. Paredes looked good at the plate last year, though, hitting .286 in 168 at-bats.

OUTFIELD The big question is whether Lee returns to left field after being moved to first base midseason last year. Martinez took over in left field after the Astros traded away Pence and Michael Bourn and put up some pretty solid numbers while displaying a good arm. Jordan Schafer, acquired from the Braves in the Bourn deal, is the man in center, though Jason Bourgeois showed he could play the position. There are several options in right field, including a platoon involving a combination of Brian Bogusevic, Bourgeois, J.B. Shuck and Jack Cust. Bogusevic needs to show he can hit left-handed pitching to get more at-bats. Martinez will wind up in right if Lee returns to the outfield.

CATCHING Castro is expected to be ready for Opening Day despite suffering an injury setback in the offseason. Castro, who missed all of last season after undergoing major surgery on his right knee, will miss the first part of spring training after undergoing surgery in December to remove the sesamoid bone in his left foot. Castro hit .205 with two homers and eight RBIs in 195 at-bats in his major league debut in 2010. Humberto Quintero, the strong-armed backup who has started 147 games the past two years, is back after

STATISTICIAN

- 7 Consecutive games in which rookie second baseman Jose Altuve reached safely with a hit to start his career, tying the franchise record.
- 200 Combined hits last year by Altuve between the major (61) and minor league (139) levels.
- 10 Players acquired by the Astros in late July by trading away Jeff Keppinger (Giants), Hunter Pence (Phillies) and Michael Bourn (Braves).
- 15 Major league-leading pinch-hit RBIs in 2011 for infielder Matt Downs, setting a franchise single-season record for right-handed hitters.
- 28 RBIs in the month of August by outfielder J.D. Martinez, which was the third-most for any rookie in August in major league history.
- 39 Outfield assists for the Astros last year, putting them tops in the NL.
- 106 Losses for the Astros last season, a club record.

ASTROS

BATTING ORDER

CF Jordan Schafer (L)	A former top prospect in the Braves system, Schafer has all the tools to be a dynamic lead-off hitter.
2B Jose Altuve (R)	He has hit at every level in the minor leagues, but can he do it in the majors?
LF J.D. Martinez (R)	The organization's Minor League Player of the Year in 2010 had an impressive debut when called up.
1B Carlos Lee (R)	In the final year of his six-year, \$100-million contract, the slugger remains a proven run producer.
RF Brian Bogusevic (L)	The team's former first-round pick as a pitcher finally showed some potential as a hitter last year.
3B Jimmy Paredes (S)	Handled himself at the plate as a rookie in 2011, but his defense remains shaky.
SS Jed Lowrie (S)	He'll be the starter after coming from Boston, but can he hit consistently from the left side?
C Jason Castro (L)	The jury remains out on the former first-round pick after he lost all of 2011 with a major knee injury.

BENCH

INF Matt Downs (R)	Averaged a homer every 19.9 at-bats and led the majors with 15 pinch-hit RBIs.
INF Angel Sanchez (R)	Career highs in runs (35), doubles (10), HRs (1), RBIs (28), walks (27) and stolen bases (3).
OF Jason Bourgeois (R)	Speedster hit .294 in a part-time role and stole 31 bases in just 252 plate appearances.
OF Jack Cust (L)	Hit 97 HRs with the A's from 2007-10, but struggled with the Mariners in '11 and was released in July.
C Humberto Quintero (R)	With Castro out, he set career highs in RBIs, doubles, hits and runs in 2011 while starting 73 games.

ROTATION

LH Wandy Rodriguez	Went 11-11 with a 3.49 ERA in 30 starts to reach double-digit wins for the fourth time in his career.
RH Brett Myers	Led the club in starts and innings pitched, going 7-14 with a 4.46 ERA, including 4-1 in last five starts.
RH Bud Norris	In his second full season in majors, went 6-11 with a 3.77 ERA and led club with 176 strikeouts.
LH J.A. Happ	Went 2-1 with a 2.43 ERA in final six starts after posting a 6.26 ERA in his first 22 starts.
RH Jordan Lyles	Went 2-7 with a 5.02 ERA before being moved to bullpen to limit innings.

BULLPEN

RH Brandon Lyon (Closer)	Veteran began 2011 as Astros closer and went 4-for-8 in save chances before arm injury ended season.
RH Wilton Lopez	Made a career-high 73 appearances in 2011 and went 2-6 with 2.79 ERA, including 1.98 ERA in final 17 games.
RH David Carpenter	Appeared in 34 games in his major league debut after beginning year at Double-A and posted a 2.93 ERA.
RH Fernando Rodriguez	Had a 2-3 mark with a 3.96 ERA in 47 games, striking out 57 hitters in 52.1 innings.
LH Sergio Escalona	Posted a 2.93 ERA in 49 games, holding lefthanders to a .188 batting average and two homers in 64 at-bats.
LH Wesley Wright	Appeared in 21 games in three separate stints; allowed one single in 26 AB against lefties.
RH Eneiro Del Rosario	Spent the entire season on the major league roster and was 0-3 with a 4.58 ERA in 54 games.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

There will be a few position battles in spring training. Jimmy Paredes started 44 games at third base last season, but Chris Johnson — last year's Opening Day starter — has something to prove. There could be some uncertainty at catcher if Jason Castro isn't fully healthy. Brett Wallace will be trying to hit his way into the lineup at first, and right field is up for grabs between Jason Bourgeois, Brian Bogusevic, J.B. Shuck and Jack Cust. The back end of the pitching rotation has no shortage of candidates, including Henry Sosa, Kyle Weiland, Lucas Harrell and Jordan Lyles.

STATLINE



OPP AVG, RISP/2 OUTS, 2007-11

1t. J.A. Happ	151
1t. Carlos Marmol	151
3. Edinson Volquez	161
4. Jose Valverde	167
5. Clayton Kershaw	171
(min. 100 batters faced with RISP)	

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

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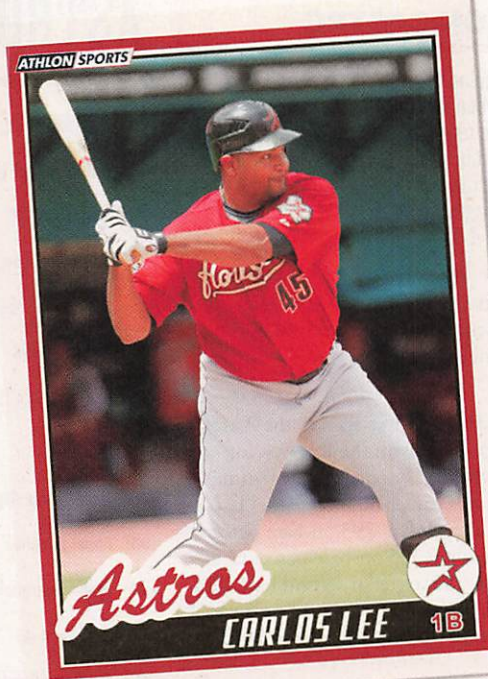
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signing a \$1 million deal. The Astros added some depth at catcher by claiming Craig Tatum off waivers from the Orioles in October.

BENCH Matt Downs was one of the best bench players in baseball last year. Downs, who can play third, second and first base and has even dabbled in the outfield, batted .276 with 10 homers and 41 RBIs in only 199 at-bats in 2011. He had 15 pinch-hit RBIs, which led the majors, and he led baseball with a .462 on-base percentage as a pinch-hitter. Bourgeois can play all over the outfield, and the Houston native had his best season in the majors by hitting .294 with 31 stolen bases in only 252 plate appearances. Quintero, who was pressed into a starting role last year when Castro went down, is a solid backup catcher with a strong arm and handles the pitching staff well. Shuck, a left-handed hitter, got his feet wet in the majors last year and showed some promise.

MANAGEMENT This will be a new era in Houston baseball with Crane taking over as owner and chairman and Jeff Luhnow replacing Ed Wade as general manager. The man in charge of the day-to-day operations on the field, manager Brad Mills, returns for his third season. Mills hasn't had much to work with in the last two years as the team rebuilds, but he's in the final year of his contract (with a club option for 2013) and is coming off a club-record 106-loss season. Mills will be again depending on young players at several key positions, which will make winning difficult. Mills could be a very capable manager, but whether he gets an opportunity to show it in Houston remains to be seen.

FINAL ANALYSIS As they enter their final year in the National League, the Astros remain years away from contending. The club is in full-blown rebuild mode and is betting its future on an increasingly improving minor league system, as well as taking advantage of having the No. 1 pick in this year's draft. The road to contention will be a long one, but the Astros have added nearly two dozen young players while trading away veterans in the last few years and appear to be on the right track. Astros fans will have to be patient and enjoy watching the young kids get their feet wet in the major leagues.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

HOUSTON ASTROS

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY The Astros are celebrating the franchise's 50th anniversary in 2012, which will also mark their final season in the National League. The club will move to the American League West beginning in 2013, which was a stipulation of the team's November sale. Houston fans will soon have to get used to a new brand of baseball and get acquainted with new division rivals, the Texas Rangers, Los Angeles Angels, Seattle Mariners and Oakland A's.

NEW BOSSES The Astros will be under new ownership this year after a group led by Houston businessman Jim Crane purchased the club from long-time owner Drayton McLane in November for \$610 million. Crane hired former Houston Rockets CEO George Postolos to be the president and CEO and put him in charge of the day-to-day operations of the franchise. Crane is a St. Louis native who made his fortune in Houston in the shipping and freight industry.

FRESH FACES The Astros used 20 different rookies at some point in the 2011 season, tied for the second-highest total in franchise history. The club record is 21 rookies set by the 1963 Colt .45's. In all, 11 different players made their Major League debuts with the Astros last year.

CHANGE AT THE TOP Jeff Luhnow was introduced as the club's 12th GM on Dec. 8 in Houston, replacing Ed Wade. Luhnow, 45, was hired away from the Cardinals, where he served as vice president of player procurement. The Astros wanted a GM who had a background in player development, which was Luhnow's job with the Cardinals. The club dismissed Wade after four years, along with long-time president of baseball operations Tal Smith, who had been with the club in some capacity for 35 years, including the last 17 in a row. Luhnow made his first significant trade on Dec. 14 when he dealt young closer Mark Melancon to the Red Sox in exchange for infielder Jed Lowrie and pitcher Kyle Weiland.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

GEORGE SPRINGER

The Astros have high hopes for Springer, an outfielder from UConn who was the No. 11 overall pick in the draft. Springer received a \$2.525 signing bonus and appeared in eight games in the New York-Penn League. Springer, 22, hit .343 with 12 homers, 77 RBIs, 31 stolen bases and had a .450 on-base percentage during his junior season at Connecticut. The athletic Springer could make an impact at the major league level in the near future, especially considering the Astros' center field spot is much more up for grabs since they traded away Gold Glove winner Michael Bourn last year. The Astros received Jordan Schafer from the Braves in the Bourn trade, but Springer's raw power and speed are hard to ignore. He appears to be the Astros' center fielder of the future.



2010 TOP PICK

Delino DeShields Jr., 2B, Woodward (Ga.)

Academy Scuffled in first full season in the system, but he's bursting with potential and athleticism.

2009 TOP PICK

Jiovanni Mier, SS, Bonita (Calif.) HS Making slow and steady progress though system after splitting last year at high Class A Lancaster.

2008 TOP PICK

Jason Castro, C, Stanford Made his major league debut in 2010 but missed all of last year following serious knee injury.

2007 TOP PICK

Collin DeLome, OF, Lamar Fifth-round pick hit .256 playing entire 2011 season at Triple-A Oklahoma City.

2006 TOP PICK

Max Sapp, C, Bishop Moore (Fla.) HS Career got off to a slow start, and he was released in 2010 after serious bout with meningitis.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

1B/OF Jonathan Singleton (20) One of the centerpieces in the trade with the Phillies for Hunter Pence, Singleton will likely start the season at Double-A.

RHP Jarrod Cosart (21) Acquired from the Phillies in the Pence trade, Cosart has the stuff to be a top-of-the-rotation starter down the road. He'll likely start at Double-A this year.

SS Jonathan Villar (20) Considered the club's shortstop of the future, the switch hitter — acquired from Phillies in the Roy Oswalt trade in 2010 — could be at Triple-A by season's end.

RHP Paul Clemens (24) Acquired by the Astros from the Braves in the Michael Bourn deal; could push for a rotation spot this year, but he'll start at Triple-A.

1B/OF Telvin Nash (21) A broken hand cost him two months in the low minor leagues last year, but the burly slugger could be the team's DH of the future.

ASTROS ROSTER

General Manager: Jeff Luhnow **Manager:** Brad Mills **Coaches:** Mike Barnett (batting), Doug Brocail (pitching), Dave Clark (third base), Bobby Meacham (first base), Al Pedrique (bench)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
58	Fernando Abad	L-L	6-2	214	12/17/85	HOUSTON	1-4	7.32	29	0	0	19.2	28	9	15	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	2-3	4.80	29	0	0	30.0	32	6	31	
68	Juan Abreu	R-R	6-0	186	4/8/85	HOUSTON	0-0	2.70	7	0	0	6.2	6	3	12	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	1-0	1.86	7	0	3	9.2	8	7	9	
						Gwinnett (AAA)	4-2	2.25	41	0	1	48.0	34	27	68	
67	David Carpenter	R-R	6-2	216	7/15/85	HOUSTON	1-3	2.93	34	0	1	27.2	28	13	29	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	0-0	0.00	19	0	9	19.0	15	6	21	
						Corpus Christi (AA)	0-1	4.50	14	0	5	14.0	14	3	17	
	Paul Clemens	R-R	6-4	180	2/14/88	Oklahoma City (AAA)	0-1	15.43	1	1	0	4.2	4	6	6	
						Corpus Christi (AA)	2-1	2.35	5	5	0	30.2	23	12	26	
						Mississippi (AA)	6-5	3.73	20	20	0	108.2	103	44	93	
	Rhiner Cruz	R-R	6-2	204	11/1/86	Binghampton (AA)	3-2	4.14	36	0	7	58.2	43	39	51	
						St. Lucie (A)	2-1	2.77	8	0	0	13.0	9	6	18	
	Jorge De Leon	R-R	6-0	182	8/15/87	Lexington (A)	6-4	3.42	43	0	16	55.1	48	13	51	
66	Enerio Del Rosario	R-R	6-2	190	10/16/85	HOUSTON	0-3	4.58	54	0	0	53.0	59	31	31	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	3.0	3	0	0	
						GCL Astros (R)	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	1.0	2	0	2	
52	Sergio Escalona	L-L	6-0	214	8/3/84	HOUSTON	2-1	2.93	49	0	0	27.2	24	11	25	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	1-0	3.18	14	0	3	17.0	13	5	18	
30	J.A. Happ	L-L	6-6	194	10/19/82	HOUSTON	6-15	5.35	28	28	0	156.1	157	83	134	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	1-0	1.50	3	3	0	18.0	11	9	16	
64	Lucas Harrell	L-R	6-2	209	6/3/85	HOUSTON	0-2	3.46	6	2	0	13.0	12	7	10	
						CHICAGO (AL)	0-0	7.20	3	0	0	5.0	11	1	5	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	5-2	1.72	9	9	0	52.1	42	24	38	
						Charlotte (AAA)	4-3	3.58	9	8	0	50.1	48	13	49	
	Arcenio Leon	R-R	6-1	220	9/22/86	Oklahoma City (AAA)	0-0	13.50	1	0	0	2.0	2	1	0	
						Corpus Christi (AA)	3-4	4.59	47	0	2	64.2	69	48	73	
59	Wilton Lopez	R-R	6-0	203	7/19/83	HOUSTON	2-6	2.79	73	0	0	71.0	72	18	56	
41	Jordan Lyles	R-R	6-4	208	10/19/90	HOUSTON	2-8	5.36	20	15	0	94.0	107	26	67	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	3-3	3.61	12	10	0	62.1	64	17	42	
37	Brandon Lyon	R-R	6-1	202	8/10/79	HOUSTON	3-3	11.48	15	0	4	13.1	27	5	6	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.0	2	0	0	
39	Brett Myers	R-R	6-4	240	8/17/80	HOUSTON	7-14	4.46	34	33	0	216.0	226	57	160	
20	Bud Norris	R-R	6-0	228	3/2/85	HOUSTON	6-11	3.77	31	31	0	186.0	177	70	176	
62	Aneury Rodriguez	R-R	6-4	248	12/13/87	HOUSTON	1-6	5.27	43	8	0	85.1	83	32	64	
43	Fernando Rodriguez	R-R	6-3	237	6/18/84	HOUSTON	2-3	3.96	47	0	0	52.1	51	30	57	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	2-3	1.50	16	0	2	24.0	16	11	33	
51	Wandy Rodriguez	S-L	5-11	194	1/18/79	HOUSTON	11-11	3.49	30	30	0	191.0	182	69	166	
						Corpus Christi (AA)	0-0	2.25	1	1	0	4.0	6	1	2	
65	Henry Sosa	R-R	6-1	208	7/28/85	HOUSTON	3-5	5.23	10	10	0	53.1	54	23	38	
56	Henry Villar	R-R	5-11	178	5/24/87	Oklahoma City (AAA)	2-1	6.81	10	7	0	38.1	45	25	15	
						Corpus Christi (AA)	2-4	4.06	32	0	2	37.2	42	4	33	
	Kyle Weiland	L-R	6-4	195	9/12/86	BOSTON	0-3	7.66	7	5	0	24.2	29	12	13	
						Pawtucket (AAA)	8-10	3.58	24	24	0	128.1	108	55	126	
53	Wesley Wright	R-L	5-11	179	1/28/85	HOUSTON	0-0	1.50	23	0	0	12.0	6	5	11	
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	3-1	2.07	39	3	2	65.1	49	23	52	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
15	Jason Castro	L-R	6-3	206	6/18/87	Injured — Missed Season										
55	Humberto Quintero	R-R	5-9	214	8/2/79	HOUSTON	.240	79	262	22	63	2	25	6	53	1
	Craig Tatum	R-R	6-1	225	3/18/83	BALTIMORE	.195	31	87	7	17	0	7	6	21	1
						Norfolk (AAA)	.200	21	65	4	13	0	7	9	13	
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
27	Jose Altuve	R-R	5-7	171	5/6/90	HOUSTON	.276	57	221	26	61	2	12	5	29	7
						Corpus Christi (AA)	.361	35	144	21	52	5	25	7	14	5
						Lancaster (A)	.408	52	213	38	87	5	34	19	26	19
	Brian Bixler	R-R	6-1	195	10/22/82	WASHINGTON	.205	79	83	9	17	0	2	7	19	4
						Syracuse (AAA)	.314	25	86	17	27	1	6	16	30	4
16	Matt Downs	R-R	6-1	192	3/19/84	HOUSTON	.276	106	199	29	55	10	41	17	47	0
	Marwin Gonzalez	S-R	6-1	195	3/14/89	Iowa (AAA)	.274	60	197	24	54	2	19	16	21	3
						Tennessee (AA)	.301	64	216	29	65	2	20	17	27	4
23	Chris Johnson	R-R	6-3	219	10/1/84	HOUSTON	.251	107	378	32	95	7	42	16	97	2
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.272	21	81	18	22	4	15	10	25	1
45	Carlos Lee	R-R	6-2	269	6/20/76	HOUSTON	.275	155	585	66	161	18	94	59	60	4
	Jed Lowrie	S-R	6-0	180	4/17/84	BOSTON	.252	88	309	40	78	6	36	23	60	1
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.412	5	17	2	7	0	5	2	1	0
38	Jimmy Paredes	S-R	6-3	198	11/25/88	HOUSTON	.286	46	168	16	48	2	18	9	47	5
						Corpus Christi (AA)	.270	93	385	69	104	10	41	15	84	29
36	Angel Sanchez	R-R	6-1	205	9/20/83	HOUSTON	.240	110	288	35	69	1	28	27	44	3
29	Brett Wallace	L-R	6-2	262	8/26/86	HOUSTON	.259	115	336	37	87	5	29	36	91	1
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.356	28	104	16	37	1	24	15	28	1
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
19	Brian Bogusevic	L-L	6-3	219	2/18/84	HOUSTON	.287	87	164	22	47	4	15	15	40	4
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.261	58	218	27	57	3	35	30	49	20
11	Jason Bourgeois	R-R	5-9	195	1/4/82	HOUSTON	.294	93	238	30	70	1	16	10	24	31
	Jack Cust	L-R	6-1	245	1/16/79	SEATTLE	.213	67	225	19	48	3	23	44	87	87
14	J.D. Martinez	R-R	6-3	205	8/21/87	HOUSTON	.274	53	208	29	57	6	35	13	48	0
						Corpus Christi (AA)	.338	88	317	50	107	13	72	42	55	1
1	Jordan Schafer	L-L	6-1	188	9/4/86	HOUSTON	.245	30	106	14	26	1	6	10	28	7
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.500	5	20	4	10	0	3	2	5	3
						ATLANTA	.240	52	196	32	47	1	7	18	42	15
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.256	42	164	21	42	1	21	14	28	6
8	J.B. Shuck	L-L	5-11	204	6/18/87	HOUSTON	.272	37	81	9	22	0	3	11	7	2
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.297	108	354	60	105	0	30	56	30	20



MILWAUKEE BREWERS

2012
PREDICTION

3RD

NL CENTRAL

2011
RECORD
96-66

HOME: 57-24 ROAD: 39-42

TEAM STADIUM

Miller Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

414-902-4400 42,200

TEAM WEBSITE

milwaukee.brewers.mlb.com

FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND

2007 83 2nd

2008 90 2nd

2009 80 3rd

2010 77 3rd

2011 96 1st

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 3B Aramis Ramirez

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Yovani Gallardo



BUY LOW ♦ 1B Mat Gamel

SELL HIGH ♦ SP Shaun Marcum

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ LHP Chris Narveson

IPO ♦ 1B/3B Taylor Green

FUTURES MARKET ♦ RHP Wily Peralta

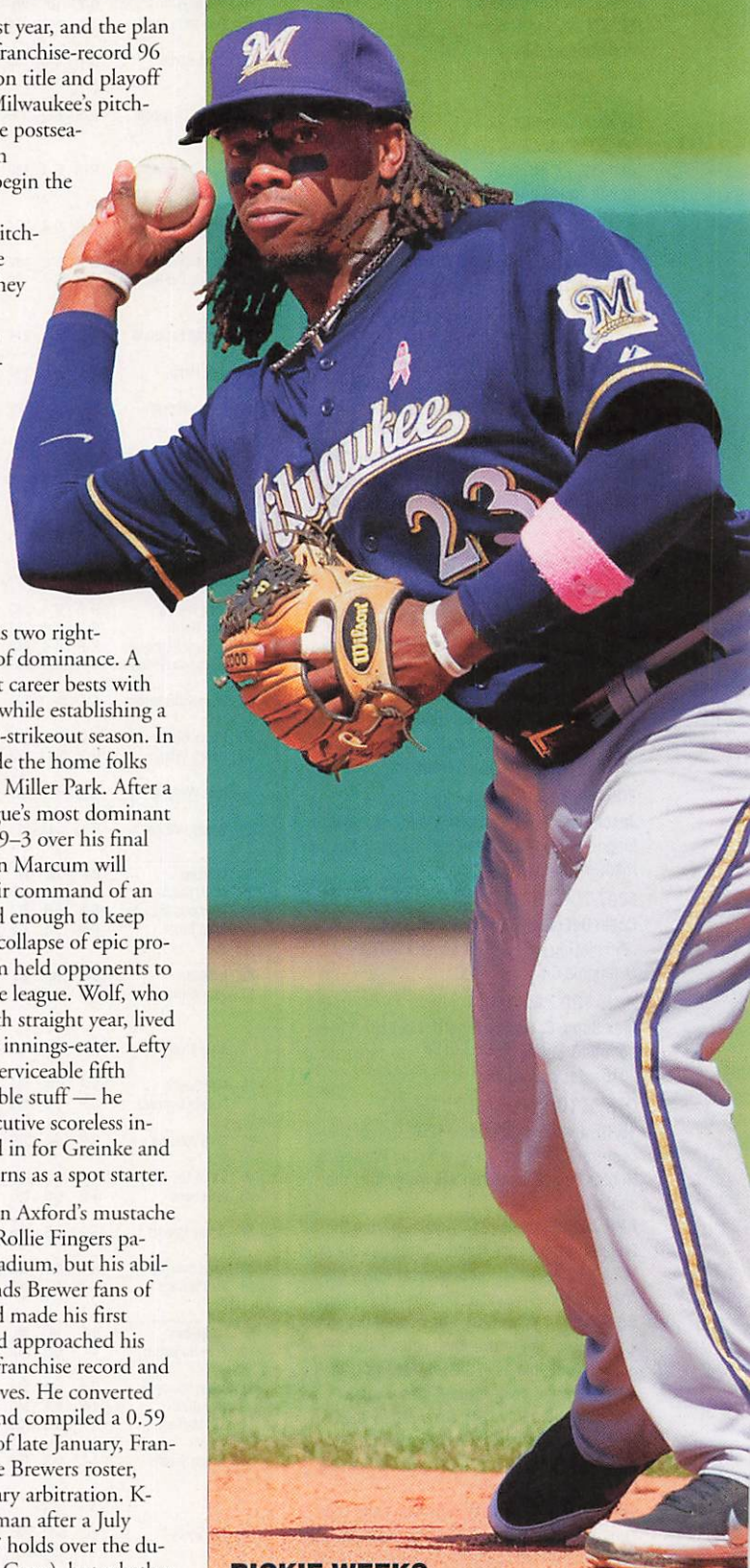
INSIDER TIP ♦ The Brewers will be playing a lot of close games. John Axford should be right at the top of your closer list, even in mixed leagues.

The Brewers were built to win last year, and the plan worked nearly to perfection: a franchise-record 96 wins, along with the first division title and playoff series victory since 1982. But Milwaukee's pitching and defense imploded in the postseason, free agent Prince Fielder will likely sign elsewhere, and Ryan Braun is expected to begin the season with a 50-game suspension.

And so, even though a highly effective pitching rotation returns intact, even though the Brewers upgraded at third base and hope they did at shortstop, there lingers a feeling among the Brewer faithful that all the eggs were in last year's basket. If the 2011 Brewers weren't good enough to advance to the World Series, how could this team possibly fare any better? But as last year's pennant chases demonstrated, very rarely do things go as planned in baseball.

ROTATION GM Doug Melvin assembled what was arguably the best starting rotation in Brewers history last year, and all five hurlers return in 2012. In Yovani Gallardo and Zack Greinke, Milwaukee has two right-handed aces capable of extended stretches of dominance. A strikeout artist and workhorse, Gallardo set career bests with 17 wins, 23 quality starts and a 3.52 ERA while establishing a franchise record with his third straight 200-strikeout season. In his first season in Milwaukee, Greinke made the home folks happy by winning all 11 of his decisions at Miller Park. After a slow start, he was one of the National League's most dominant pitchers down the stretch, going 9-3 over his final 16 starts. Randy Wolf and Shaun Marcum will never overpower hitters, but their command of an array of off-speed pitches is good enough to keep most lineups in check. Before a collapse of epic proportions in the playoffs, Marcum held opponents to a .232 average, eighth-best in the league. Wolf, who won 10-plus games for the fourth straight year, lived up to his reputation as a reliable innings-eater. Lefty Chris Narveson is a more than serviceable fifth starter with occasionally unhittable stuff—he began last season with 14 consecutive scoreless innings. Marco Estrada, who filled in for Greinke and Narveson during DL stints, returns as a spot starter.

BULLPEN Not only does John Axford's mustache harken back to the days when Rollie Fingers patrolled the mound at County Stadium, but his ability to close out games also reminds Brewer fans of the Hall of Fame reliever. Axford made his first Opening Day roster last year and approached his opportunity fearlessly, setting a franchise record and tying for the NL lead with 46 saves. He converted his final 43 save opportunities and compiled a 0.59 ERA over his last 30 games. As of late January, Francisco Rodriguez remained on the Brewers roster, surprisingly having accepted salary arbitration. K-Rod excelled as Axford's set-up man after a July trade (tying for NL lead with 17 holds over the duration of his stint with the Brew Crew), but whether



RICKIE WEEKS

DIFFERENCE MAKER ARAMIS RAMIREZ

With Prince Fielder lost to free agency and Ryan Braun expected to be suspended for a significant chunk of the season, this free agent acquisition will be relied on to provide pop in the middle of the Brewers' lineup. If Ramirez can put up the kind of numbers he has for the Cubs the last eight-and-a-half years, Brewers fans will be satisfied: The third baseman has been one of the game's most reliable run producers, consistently hitting around .300 with around 25 homers and 100 RBIs per season over the course of his career.

he'll willingly play that part again this season is questionable. With Rodriguez's situation in doubt, coupled with the loss of reliable set-up men LaTroy Hawkins and Takashi Saito, one of manager Ron Roenicke's biggest challenges will be to rebuild the back end of the bullpen. Likely candidates include returnees Kameron Loe, who bombed as the eighth inning reliever prior to Rodriguez's arrival but settled down (1.44 ERA over his last 22 appearances) afterward, and Estrada, who pitches better as a starter (3-2, 3.70) than as a reliever (1-6, 4.38). Lefty Manny Parra returns from a full season on the disabled list, and journeyman Jose Veras, acquired from Pittsburgh, has a rubber arm and can be called on often.

MIDDLE INFIELD Veteran shortstop Alex Gonzalez was acquired with a simple mission: bring some defensive stability to the Brewer infield, which was easily the worst defensive unit in the league last year. Gonzalez hit .241 with 15 home runs and 56 RBIs for the Braves last year, but most importantly, he committed only 12 errors, about half as many as departed shortstop Yuniesky Betancourt. All-Star starter Rickie Weeks remains one of the game's most potent second basemen offensively, and hopes are that he'll return to the explosive form he showed in the first half of the season (17 homers before the All-Star break) before an ankle injury slowed him down significantly.

CORNERS Brewers fans knew Fielder's departure was coming, but it's still hard to take. Starting at first base for the Milwaukee Brewers: Mat Gamel. Gamel has earned brief call-ups with the Brewers in each of the last four seasons but has never shown the pop against big league pitching that he has in Triple-A (team-high 28 home runs and 96 RBIs at Nashville last year). Manning the other corner position is another new Brewers starter, the team's biggest offseason acquisition, veteran slugger Aramis Ramirez. A longtime Brewer nemesis as a member of the rival Cubs, Ramirez has a reputation for being somewhat injury-prone, but he may in fact be underappreciated for his offensive production. With Fielder gone and Braun facing a long suspension, Ramirez will face high expectations in his first year in Milwaukee.

OUTFIELD In right, lanky Corey Hart returns for his ninth season in Milwaukee, providing doses of power and speed, though his stolen base numbers have been declining over the last four seasons. In center, Nyjer Morgan drew national attention for his unorthodox style and brash mouth (and Twitter stream), and his teammates seemed to feed off his enthusiasm. Time will tell if Morgan's aura remains a welcome diversion if he or the Brewers struggle. Earning starts against left-handed pitching is Carlos Gomez, easily the best defensive outfielder on the roster. If Braun is suspended, Norichika Aoki, a high-average hitter from Japan, could earn time in left field. Hard to believe the reigning National League MVP is the team's biggest question mark head-

STATISTICIAN

- **704** Brewers' winning percentage at home in 2011, tops in MLB.
- 0 Zack Greinke's losses at Miller Park (11-0 in 15 home starts in '11).
- 1 Complete game shutouts by Brewer pitches (Yovani Gallardo) in 2011.
- **2.21** Shaun Marcum's team-best ERA on the road.
- 3 Record number of Brewers voted to start in 2011 All-Star Game.
- 7 Longest winning — and losing — streaks recorded by Brewers in 2011.
- 7 Brewer errors in Games 5 and 6 of NLCS.
- **27** Wins over 32-game stretch in July and August that solidified the division title.
- 46 Franchise-record saves recorded by John Axford in 2011.
- 96 Brewers' wins last year, the most in team history.
- **3,071,373** Franchise attendance record set in 2011.

BREWERS

BATTING ORDER

RF Corey Hart (R)	Speed is declining, but excelled after switch to leadoff spot in batting order.
CF Nyjer Morgan (L)	Mercurial energizer gets on base for big boppers, antagonizes friends and foes alike.
LF Ryan Braun (R)	NL MVP faces likely suspension; with Fielder gone, a prolonged absence could spell doom.
3B Aramis Ramirez (R)	Brewers landed top free agent third basemen, and will need Ramirez to put up typical numbers.
2B Rickie Weeks (R)	Injuries are always an issue with Weeks, but when healthy, he's among top hitters in the game.
1B Mat Gamel (L)	Gets unenviable job of filling Prince Fielder's large shoes; has put up big minor league numbers.
SS Alex Gonzalez (R)	Free agent signed to provide stability in Brewers in field; marching orders are to just make plays.
C Jonathan Lucroy (R)	A budding star at the plate, his defense is improving (just one passed ball, tops among NL catchers).

BENCH

OF Carlos Gomez (R)	Defensive specialist has some pop but struggles to get on base consistently.
INF Taylor Green (L)	Brewers Minor League Player of the Year in 2011 with a .336 average and 22 homers, 91 RBIs.
C George Kottaras (L)	Randy Wolf's personal catcher calls a good game; hit for cycle.
OF Norichika Aoki (L)	Career .329 hitter in five seasons in Japan; will see action in left field if Braun is suspended.

ROTATION

RH Yovani Gallardo	Ace No. 1 ranked among NL leaders in wins (t-fourth), starts (t-fourth) and strikeouts (fifth).
RH Zack Greinke	Ace No. 2 posted a 2.61 ERA over his final 16 starts; ranked seventh in NL in strikeouts.
RH Shaun Marcum	Was Brewers' top starter on the road, going 8-3 with a 2.21 ERA.
LH Randy Wolf	His streak of 19.2 scoreless innings was longest by Brewers pitcher in '11.
LH Chris Narveson	Left-handed batters hit just .212, slugged .333 with two homers off him.

BULLPEN

RH John Axford	Blew first save opportunity of season, but converted his final 43 chances.
RH Francisco Rodriguez	Ranks 24th on all-time saves list but will set up Axford if Brewers don't trade him.
RH Kameron Loe	Veteran posted a 1.44 ERA over his final 22 appearances in his third season with the Brewers.
RH Marco Estrada	Earned high marks as fill-in starter when Greinke and Narveson went on DL.
RH Jose Veras	Acquired from Pirates, appeared in 79 games with a 3.80 ERA as set-up man.
RH Tim Lillard	Middle reliever didn't see much action, but earned first big league win June 5.
LH Manny Parra	Has had ups and downs as Brewer starter and reliever, returns after missing all of '11.
RH Mike Fiers	Brewers' Minor League Pitcher of the Year (13-3, 1.86 ERA) earned September call-up.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The best battles figure to come if a pair of likely 'ifs' materialize. If Francisco Rodriguez is traded, the Brewers will need to find a reliable set-up man (Kameron Loe, who had the job before Rodriguez arrived, is the likeliest candidate). If Ryan Braun is suspended, will Nyjer Morgan move to left and Carlos Gomez play center, or will 29-year-old Japanese outfielder Norichika Aoki take over the job? Mat Gamel is expected to be given every shot to earn the first base job, but he's never duplicated his Triple-A prowess in his cups of coffee in the big leagues.

STATLINE



FEWEST RBIs BY ROOKIES IN 2011

1. Brewers	4
2. Rangers	13
3. Orioles	27
4. Marlins	34
5. A's, Yankees	43

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					STL	STL
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
STL	CHC	CHC	CHC	CHC	ATL	ATL
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
ATL		LAD	LAD	LAD	COL	COL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
COL	HOU	HOU	HOU		STL	STL
29	30					
STL	SD					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		SD	SD		SF	SF
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SF	CIN	CIN	CIN		CHC	CHC
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CHC	NYM	NYM	HOU	HOU	MIN	MIN
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
MIN	SF	SF	SF		ARI	ARI
27	28	29	30	31		
ARI	LAD	LAD	LAD	LAD		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					PIT	PIT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PIT		CHC	CHC	CHC	SD	SD
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
SD	KC	KC	KC	MIN	MIN	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
MIN	TOR	TOR	TOR		CWS	CWS
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CWS	CIN	CIN	CIN		ARI	ARI

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ARI	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	HOU	HOU
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HOU					PIT	PIT
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
PIT	STL	STL	STL		CIN	CIN
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
CIN	PHI	PHI	PHI	WAS	WAS	WAS
29	30	31				
WAS	HOU	HOU				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			HOU		STL	STL
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
STL	CIN	CIN	CIN		HOU	HOU
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HOU	COL	COL	COL	PHI	PHI	PHI
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
PHI	CHC	CHC	CHC		PIT	PIT
26	27	28	29	30	31	
PIT	CHC	CHC	CHC		PIT	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					PIT	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PIT	MIA	MIA	MIA	MIA	STL	STL
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
STL	ATL	ATL	ATL	NYM	NYM	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
NYM		PIT	PIT	WAS	WAS	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
WAS	WAS	CIN	CIN	CIN	HOU	HOU
31						
HOU	SD	SD	SD			



ing into the season, but that's the situation Braun finds himself in after reportedly violating the league's banned substance policy. One of the game's most popular young stars, Braun means everything to the Brewers lineup, and his absence would be a major blow to the franchise in every possible way.

CATCHING In Jonathan Lucroy, the Brewers have a promising young catcher with improving skills behind the plate and a solid bat. Though he's below average at throwing out base-stealers, he works well with four of the five Brewers starters, blocks balls in the dirt with the best of them (just one passed ball last year) and would seem to have his best days ahead of him. Wolf's personal catcher, George Kottaras, fits a similar profile, only as a left-handed hitter.

BENCH The Brewers bench was nothing special in 2011 and if anything may be less promising this year. Gomez and Kottaras return in familiar roles, while Taylor Green,

who came up and showed an impressive bat late last season, provides infield depth. Veteran infielders Cesar Izturis and Brooks Conrad were acquired in the offseason and will battle for a roster spot in spring training. Aoki, who was signed to a multi-year deal in January, will be the fourth outfielder if he's not starting in left.

MANAGEMENT Roenicke's style couldn't have been much more different than predecessor Ken Macha's, and the softer touch turned out to be just what the Brewers needed in 2011 (a revamped and dramatically improved pitching staff didn't hurt, either). But while Roenicke guided the Brewers to the best regular season in franchise history, he appeared a bit overmatched in the postseason. Owner Mark Attanasio continues to show a willingness to spend money in a small market, and Melvin has cultivated home-grown talent and traded prospects to give the Brewers a chance to win. In all, the Brewers are as well-run now as at any time in franchise history.

FINAL ANALYSIS This team likely won't win as many games as last year's, but the Brewers don't have to look very far to see that that might not matter. Just as the Cardinals rode into the postseason as a red-hot Wild Card last season, this Brewer team has the talent to stay in the hunt.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

WHO ARE THESE GUYS? While Ryan Braun or Prince Fielder led the Brewers in every offensive category, two of the Brewers' most impressive individual performances in 2011 came from unlikely sources. The only Brewer to hit for the cycle? Backup catcher George Kottaras. The only Brewer to hit a grand slam? Pitcher Shaun Marcum.

LIVING FOR THE WEEKEND Good thing they've found jobs in professional sports, because Brewers players might not thrive in the working world. Milwaukee finished 30 games over .500, but that margin wasn't built during the work week. The Brewers were just 41–44 in games played Monday through Thursday, compared to 55–22 in games played Friday through Sunday.

HOME BREWED Milwaukee set a franchise record with 57 wins at home while compiling the majors' best home winning percentage, at .704. The team did not lose consecutive games at Miller Park until its 42nd home game of the season, the longest

streak to start a season since the 1996 Yankees (46th game). On the flip side, for much of the season, the Brewers were as bad on the road as they were successful at home, losing 29 of their first 45 road games.

KICK 'EM WHEN THEY'RE DOWN A time-tested formula for success is to play even with the good teams and beat up on the bad ones. The Brewers executed that recipe to perfection in 2011, going 41–12 against lowly Chicago, Florida, Houston and Pittsburgh and 55–54 against all other opponents.

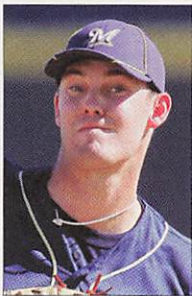
WORKHORSES Despite the fact that highly touted newcomer Zack Greinke missed the first month of the season with broken ribs, the Brewers got incredible production and consistency out of their starting rotation, using only six starting pitchers all season, the fewest in the majors. Perhaps the innings (992, sixth in the NL) caught up to the Brewer starters in the postseason, as only Yovani Gallardo (2.84) had an ERA under 6.48 in the playoffs.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

TAYLOR JUNGSMANN

The No. 12 overall pick, the big (6'6", 220), hard-throwing Jungsmann was considered one of the most big league-ready pitchers in the draft, and some observers expect him to arrive in Milwaukee as soon as late this season. With the Brewers rotation as solid as it is, however, there will be no pressure to rush the former Texas Longhorn. Jungsmann has a complete arsenal (fastball, curve and changeup are all MLB-caliber) and dominated as the Longhorns' ace last season, going 13-1 with a 1.60 ERA and 126 strikeouts in 141 innings. It has been awhile (Ryan Braun in 2005) since a top Brewer draft pick has produced in Milwaukee — the last two picks are still far from ready and the previous three picks were all traded.



2010 TOP PICK

Jimmy Nelson, RHP, Alabama In first full minor league season, compiled respectable 8-9 record, 4.38 ERA in A-ball.

2009 TOP PICK

Eric Arnett, RHP, Indiana Has been a major bust so far, with a 7-19 record and 5.79 ERA in three seasons.

2008 TOP PICK

Brett Lawrie, 3B, Brookwood (B.C.) HS Was dealt to Toronto in exchange for Shaun Marcum; emerging as top young star for the Blue Jays.

2007 TOP PICK

Matt LaPorta, 1B, Florida Slugger was dealt to Cleveland for CC Sabathia in 2008; hit 11 homers for Tribe in 2011.

2006 TOP PICK

Jeremy Jeffress, RHP, Halifax County (Va.) HS Traded to Kansas City as part of Zack Greinke deal; the time is now for him to show he belongs in big leagues.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Tyler Thornburg (23) Righthander twice earned Brewer Minor League Pitcher of Month honors; could be in bigs by 2013.

OF Logan Schafer (25) Excellent defensive player with limited power; hit better than .300 at every level in 2011.

INF Zelous Wheeler (25) Budding utilityman led Double-A Huntsville with eight home runs in 65 games.

RHP Wily Peralta (22) Topped all Southern League pitchers with a 3.46 ERA in 21 starts; 157 Ks in 150.2 minor-league innings in 2011.

OF Caleb Gindl (23) Became only the third Nashville Sound to hit for cycle in 34-year franchise history.

BREWERS ROSTER

General Manager: Doug Melvin **Manager:** Ron Roenicke **Coaches:** Garth Iorg (first base), Rick Kranitz (pitching), Stan Kyles (bullpen), Jerry Narron (bench), Johnny Narron (hitting), Ed Sedar (third base), John Shelby



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
59	John Axford	R-R	6-5	195	4/1/83	MILWAUKEE	2-2	1.95	74	0	46	73.2	59	25	86	
21	Zach Braddock	L-L	6-2	230	8/23/87	MILWAUKEE	0-1	7.27	25	0	0	17.1	16	11	18	
						Nashville (AAA)	0-0	4.76	6	0	1	5.2	4	7	10	
						Wisconsin (A)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	4.2	0	1	7	
63	Frankie De La Cruz	R-R	5-10	215	3/12/84	MILWAUKEE	0-0	2.77	11	0	0	13.0	10	5	9	
						Nashville (AAA)	7-6	3.88	25	23	0	137.0	130	63	126	
48	Tim Lillard	R-R	6-4	225	7/19/83	MILWAUKEE	1-1	4.08	24	0	0	28.2	26	4	27	
						Nashville (AAA)	4-2	3.58	17	0	1	37.2	31	13	30	
41	Marco Estrada	R-R	6-0	180	7/5/83	MILWAUKEE	4-8	4.08	43	7	0	92.2	83	29	88	
64	Michael Fiers	R-R	6-3	200	6/15/85	MILWAUKEE	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.0	2	3	2	
						Nashville (AAA)	8-0	1.11	12	10	0	64.2	41	22	69	
						Huntsville (AA)	5-3	2.64	22	8	5	61.1	42	14	63	
49	Yovani Gallardo	R-R	6-2	210	2/27/86	MILWAUKEE	17-10	3.52	33	33	0	207.1	193	59	207	
13	Zack Greinke	R-R	6-2	190	10/21/83	MILWAUKEE	16-6	3.83	28	28	0	171.2	161	45	201	
						Nashville (AAA)	0-1	4.70	2	2	0	7.2	10	2	9	
						Brevard County (A)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	3.0	1	0	4	
61	Brandon Kintzler	R-R	5-10	185	8/1/84	MILWAUKEE	1-1	3.68	9	0	0	14.2	14	3	15	
						Nashville (AAA)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	2	
50	Kameron Loe	R-R	6-8	240	9/10/81	MILWAUKEE	4-7	3.50	72	0	1	72.0	65	16	61	
67	Santo Manzanillo	R-R	6-0	190	12/20/88	Huntsville (AA)	0-1	2.21	20	0	7	20.1	13	12	19	
						Brevard County (A)	1-0	1.52	28	0	10	41.1	31	14	43	
18	Shaun Marcum	R-R	6-0	195	12/14/81	MILWAUKEE	13-7	3.54	33	33	0	200.2	175	57	158	
58	Mike McClendon	R-R	6-5	225	4/3/85	MILWAUKEE	3-0	2.63	9	0	0	13.2	15	3	10	
						Nashville (AAA)	5-6	3.53	38	0	8	58.2	61	19	48	
38	Chris Narveson	L-L	6-3	205	12/20/81	MILWAUKEE	11-8	4.45	30	28	0	161.2	160	65	126	
26	Manny Parra	L-L	6-3	205	10/30/82	Nashville (AAA)	0-1	6.10	7	1	0	10.1	12	5	8	
						Wisconsin (A)	1-0	0.00	1	0	0	2.0	0	0	4	
60	Wily Peralta	R-R	6-2	240	5/8/89	Nashville (AAA)	2-0	2.03	5	5	0	31.0	21	11	40	
						Huntsville (AA)	9-7	3.46	21	21	0	119.2	106	48	117	
47	Amaury Rivas	R-R	6-2	217	12/20/85	Nashville (AAA)	7-12	4.72	28	28	0	150.2	151	81	108	
57	Francisco Rodriguez	R-R	6-0	195	1/7/82	MILWAUKEE	4-0	1.86	31	0	0	29.0	23	10	33	
						NEW YORK NL	2-2	3.16	42	0	23	42.2	44	16	46	
37	Mark Rogers	R-R	6-2	226	1/30/86	Nashville (AAA)	0-2	13.20	5	5	0	15.0	21	22	12	
						Brevard County (A)	0-3	9.37	5	5	0	16.1	22	15	17	
						AZL Brewers (R)	0-0	4.85	5	3	0	13.0	13	5	11	
52	Cody Scarpetta	R-R	6-3	244	8/25/88	Huntsville (AA)	8-5	3.85	23	23	0	117.0	100	61	98	
40	Jose Veras	R-R	6-6	235	10/20/80	PITTSBURGH	2-4	3.80	79	0	1	71.0	54	34	79	
43	Randy Wolf	L-L	6-0	205	8/22/76	MILWAUKEE	13-10	3.69	33	33	0	212.1	214	66	134	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
9	George Kottaras	L-R	6-0	190	5/10/83	MILWAUKEE	.252	49	111	15	28	5	17	10	26	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.343	29	102	19	35	4	21	16	29	0
20	Jonathan Lucroy	R-R	6-0	190	6/13/86	MILWAUKEE	.265	136	430	45	114	12	59	29	99	2
						Huntsville (AA)	.273	4	11	3	3	0	4	6	1	1
12	Martin Maldonado	R-R	6-1	225	8/16/86	MILWAUKEE	.000	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.321	39	134	23	43	8	25	16	21	0
						Huntsville (AA)	.264	64	208	24	55	3	34	19	56	2
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Jeff Bianchi	R-R	5-10	190	10/5/86	NW Arkansas (AA)	.259	119	444	63	115	2	48	39	85	20
33	Eric Farris	R-R	5-9	180	3/3/86	MILWAUKEE	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.271	134	538	70	146	6	55	32	70	21
24	Mat Gamel	L-R	6-0	215	7/26/85	MILWAUKEE	.115	10	26	1	3	0	2	1	4	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.310	128	493	90	153	28	96	46	84	2
11	Alex Gonzalez	R-R	5-11	215	2/15/77	ATLANTA	.241	149	564	59	136	15	56	22	126	2
5	Taylor Green	L-R	5-11	200	11/2/86	MILWAUKEE	.270	20	37	2	10	0	1	0	6	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.336	120	420	74	141	22	88	55	72	1
						Huntsville (AA)	.364	3	11	2	4	0	3	0	3	0
16	Aramis Ramirez	R-R	6-1	215	6/25/78	CHICAGO NL	.306	149	565	80	173	26	93	43	69	1
23	Rickie Weeks	R-R	5-10	215	9/13/82	MILWAUKEE	.269	118	453	77	122	20	49	50	107	9
51	Zelous Wheeler	R-R	5-10	220	1/16/87	Nashville (AAA)	.275	17	51	7	14	1	6	9	8	0
						Huntsville (AA)	.272	65	228	34	62	8	32	30	49	7
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Norichika Aoki	L-R	5-9	170	1/5/82	Yakult (JPCL)	.292	144	643	73	170	4	44	51	55	8
8	Ryan Braun	R-R	6-1	210	11/17/83	MILWAUKEE	.332	150	563	109	187	33	111	58	93	33
	Brooks Conrad	S-R	5-11	190	1/16/80	ATLANTA	.223	92	103	11	23	4	13	15	41	2
54	Caleb Gindl	L-L	5-9	205	8/31/88	Nashville (AAA)	.307	126	472	84	145	15	60	63	93	6
27	Carlos Gomez	R-R	6-4	215	12/4/85	MILWAUKEE	.225	94	231	37	52	8	24	15	64	16
						Wisconsin (A)	.333	4	12	3	4	0	0	1	0	3
1	Corey Hart	R-R	6-6	235	3/24/82	MILWAUKEE	.285	130	492	80	140	26	63	51	114	7
						Nashville (AAA)	.133	5	15	1	2	0	1	0	3	0
3	Cesar Izturis	S-R	5-9	180	2/10/80	BALTIMORE	.200	18	30	4	6	0	1	2	10	0
						Bowie (AA)	.240	7	25	3	6	0	3	0	1	0
						GCL Orioles (R)	.000	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	0
66	Brock Kjelgaard	R-R	6-5	215	1/22/86	Huntsville (AA)	.271	61	203	18	55	6	27	17	66	2
						Brevard County (A)	.268	65	231	39	62	18	49	26	75	13
2	Nyjer Morgan	L-L	6-0	175	7/2/80	MILWAUKEE	.304	119	378	61	115	4	37	19	70	13
						Nashville (AAA)	.500	2	4	1	2	0	0	2	1	1
						MILWAUKEE	.333	8	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.331	40	169	31	56	5	23	17	18	5
						Huntsville (AA)	.302	50	189	31	57	0	19	17	25	10
						Brevard County (A)	.306	9	36	4	11	0	1	5	4	1



PITTSBURGH PIRATES

**2012
PREDICTION**

4TH

NL CENTRAL

**2011
RECORD
72-90**

HOME: 36-45 ROAD: 36-45

TEAM STADIUM

PNC Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

800-BUY-BUCS 38,496

TEAM WEBSITE

pittsburgh.pirates.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 68 6th

2008 67 6th

2009 62 6th

2010 57 6th

2011 72 4th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ OF Andrew McCutchen

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ RP Joel Hanrahan



BUY LOW ◇ OF Alex Presley

SELL HIGH ◇ 1B/OF Garrett Jones

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ SP Charlie Morton

IPO ◇ IF Chase d'Arnaud

FUTURES MARKET ◇ OF Starling Marte

INSIDER TIP ◇ The entire starting staff is made up of, at best, teases. The only draftable pitcher—Hanrahan—could be gone from Pittsburgh by the trading deadline.

The Pittsburgh Pirates want to stretch four months of feel-good baseball into six months this season. The Pirates reached the 100-game mark last season with a 53-47 record and tied for first place in the National League Central. Not only were the Pirates in position to break their streak of 18 consecutive losing seasons, most in North American professional sports history, but they also had a chance to become one of the best baseball stories of recent times if they could somehow win the division. Alas, the bottom fell out. The Pirates lost 43 of their final 62 games to finish with 90 losses.

The Pirates, though, believe they can go the distance this season. They believe their younger players are now better prepared to physically and emotionally handle a long season. They also believe that signing lefthander Erik Bedard, catcher Rod Barajas and shortstop Clint Barmes as free agents will improve their club on the field and provide more of a veteran presence in the clubhouse. Time will tell, though. After all, despite the unlikely success in the first two-thirds of last season, the Pirates finished 14th in the NL in runs scored and 11th in runs allowed. And they are still the Pirates.

ROTATION The Pirates don't have anybody resembling a No. 1 starter, so the job will likely fall to Bedard by default after he signed a one-year, \$4.5-million contract. The oft-injured Bedard logged over 100 innings last season for the first time in four years as he went a combined 5-9 with a 3.62 ERA in 24 starts. Charlie Morton has the best raw stuff on the staff and showed signs of turning the corner last season when he went 10-10 with a 3.83 ERA in 29 starts. However, he underwent hip surgery in October and may miss the first month of the season. James McDonald also has above-average stuff but has yet to harness it. If he can somehow learn to control his 95-mph and curveball, he could zoom to the top of the rotation. Kevin Correia won 12 games last season after signing as a free agent and was selected to his first All-Star Game. However, he won once after the All-Star break and missed the last six weeks of the season with a strained oblique. Correia is more innings eater than ace. Jeff Karstens doesn't wow the scouts or light up their radar guns. Yet he usually finds a way to keep the team in the game because of his pitching acumen and command. Either Brad Lincoln or rookie lefthander Jeff Locke will likely begin the season in the rotation if Morton has to go on the disabled list.

BULLPEN Joel Hanrahan was one of the best closers in the game last season as he converted 40 saves in 44 opportunities, posted a 1.83 ERA and pitched in the ninth inning of the National League's victory in the All-Star Game. Hanrahan is seemingly poised for another big season, but one concern is that his strikeout rate dipped to 8.0 per nine innings last season from 12.9 in 2010. Evan Meek represented the Pirates in the 2010 All-Star Game when he had a 2.14 ERA in 70 games. Now he looks to rebound



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DIFFERENCE MAKER JAMES McDONALD

McDonald, a right-handed pitcher, shows flashes of brilliance in some starts, dominating for stretches with a fastball that reaches 95 mph and a big-breaking curveball. However, poor command of those pitches often winds up being his undoing. McDonald took a step forward in that department in the second half of last season after making a number of mechanical and mental adjustments with the help of pitching coach Ray Searage. Thus, it seems the groundwork was laid for the 27-year-old McDonald to break through in 2012.

after being limited to 20.2 innings last season because of shoulder problems. If he's healthy, figure on Meek setting up Hanrahan along with Jason Grilli. The Pirates signed Grilli off Philadelphia's Triple-A farm club in July and he had a 2.48 ERA in 28 games. It was quite a comeback considering his career seemed to be over after he ruptured his quadriceps in 2010 during a spring training drill. Chris Resop has been solid in middle relief since being claimed off waivers from Atlanta during the 2010 season, and Daniel McCutchen found a home in long relief last season after failing miserably in previous major league trials as a starting pitcher.

MIDDLE INFIELD The Pirates are counting on Barmes, signed to a two-year, \$10.5-million contract, to provide the stability at shortstop that Ronny Cedeno never did during the previous two seasons. Barmes' power has run hot and cold throughout his career; he hit .244 with 12 home runs in 123 games for Houston last season. Many of the advanced statistical metrics ranked Barmes among the best defensive shortstops in the game. Second baseman Neil Walker had a .273 batting average and 12 homers in his first full major league season in 2011. The switch-hitting Pittsburgh native believes he is capable of doing more if he can gain consistency, and the Pirates are happy with the converted catcher's defensive progression.

CORNERS The Pirates tried to woo Derrek Lee into returning as a free agent after acquiring the 36-year-old from Baltimore at last year's trading deadline. However, at this advanced stage of his career, Lee would rather play on a team more likely to contend. The Pirates could opt for a platoon of left-handed-hitting Garrett Jones and right-handed Casey McGehee, acquired from Milwaukee in an offseason trade, at first base. Both had disappointing 2011 seasons as Jones hit .243 with 16 home runs and McGehee batted .223 with 13 homers. McGehee is the Pirates' backup plan at third base if Pedro Alvarez has a poor showing in spring training. Alvarez crashed and burned in 2011 after a promising rookie season, hitting .191 with four homers in 74 games. Pint-sized Josh Harrison is another possibility at third base. He made his major league debut last year and had a .272 batting average in 65 games.

OUTFIELD Center fielder Andrew McCutchen has established himself as the face of the franchise, and the Pirates are confident that right fielder Jose Tabata and left fielder Alex Presley can join him as long-term fixtures in the lineup. The multi-talented McCutchen is one of the most dynamic young players in the game at 25 and played in his first All-Star Game last season. His 2011 could have been a great year, but he hit just .216 after the All-Star break to finish at .259 with 23 homers, 89 RBIs and 23 stolen bases. Tabata has yet to stay healthy in his two major league seasons. However, the Pirates believe so much in his ability to blossom into a power hitter that they signed

STATISTICIAN

- 21.8** Percentage of increase in attendance for the Pirates in 2011, best in the NL.
- 0.96** Difference in the Pirates' pitching staff's ERA in 2011 compared to 2010 as it dropped to 4.04 from 5.00. Only the Arizona Diamondbacks had a bigger improvement with 1.01.
- 1** Home runs closer Joel Hanrahan allowed to the 274 batters he faced last season while recording 40 saves in 44 opportunities.
- 17** Home runs catcher Rod Barajas, signed as a free agent in the offseason, has averaged over the last three seasons.
- 30.5** Percentage of plate appearances in which third baseman Pedro Alvarez struck out last season, whiffing 80 times in 262 trips to the plate.
- 193** More plate appearances second baseman Neil Walker had in 2011 than 2010 (662-469), though his home run total stayed the same at 12.

PIRATES

BATTING ORDER

RF Jose Tabata (R)	He has the speed and basestealing ability to bat leadoff, but health always seems to be an issue.
LF Alex Presley (L)	He could flip-flop with Tabata in the batting order because of his ability to get on base and steal bases.
CF Andrew McCutchen (R)	He is already an accomplished player at 25, and this could be the year he becomes a superstar.
2B Neil Walker (S)	Pitchers adjusted to him last season following a solid rookie year, and now it's his turn to adjust back.
1B Garrett Jones (L)	He is an effective hitter with pop and patience when kept away from left-handed pitchers.
3B Pedro Alvarez (L)	The big-time power potential is there, and it's time for him to start unlocking it or risk being labeled a bust.
SS Clint Barmes (R)	The Pirates signed him primarily because he can catch the ball and he isn't Ronny Cedeno.
C Rod Barajas (R)	The free agent signee provides thump at the bottom of the lineup and stability behind the plate.

BENCH

C Michael McKenry (R)	Defensive specialist is well-liked by the Pirates' pitchers; hit .222 in 58 games in the bigs last season.
INF Casey McGehee (R)	Pirates are hoping a change of scenery helps after his disastrous 2011 with Milwaukee.
INF Josh Harrison (R)	His defense is suspect and he can only be used at shortstop in an emergency, but he can swing the bat.
UT Yamaico Navarro (R)	He can play all over the infield and outfield and even occasionally pop a ball out of the park.
OF Nate McLouth (L)	Returns to Pirates with expectations much lower than his All-Star season of 2008.

ROTATION

LH Erik Bedard	Signed as a free agent to add stability to rotation, but he is always an injury waiting to happen.
RH Charlie Morton	Roy Halladay copycat (sans the results) could miss the first month of the season (hip surgery rehab).
RH James McDonald	He has the stuff to win a lot of games but needs to throw more strikes.
RH Kevin Correia	A solid pitcher for the back end of the rotation but is stretched in a larger role.
RH Jeff Karstens	A rare soft-tossing righthander, he survives with pinpoint control.

BULLPEN

RH Joel Hanrahan (Closer)	He made the transition from dominant set-up man to elite closer last season.
RH Evan Meek	Following a breakthrough 2010, Meek had a frustrating and injury-marred 2011.
RH Jason Grilli	Signed off the scrap heap last July, he figures to be a key component of this relief corps.
RH Chris Resop	Unsung hero of this bullpen as he provides consistently good work in the middle innings.
LH Tony Watson	Has the stuff to get major league hitters out but walks are a major concern.
RH Jared Hughes	Impressed in a September call-up; has a good chance of making the team in spring training.
RH Daniel McCutchen	His value lies in his versatility and ability to eat up multiple innings.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The Pirates are surprisingly well set for a team coming off a seventh straight season of at least 90 losses. The most interesting competition will be to see who opens the season in the rotation if Charlie Morton starts the year on the disabled list while recovering from hip surgery. Righthander Brad Lincoln and left-handed prospect Jeff Locke will be the top two candidates. Lincoln has gone 3-7 with a 5.74 ERA in 17 major-league starts, while Locke was 0-3 with a 6.48 ERA in four starts during a September callup last year.

STATLINE



FEWEST 100-PITCH STARTS, 2011

1. Pirates	28
2. Nationals	39
3. Orioles	51
4. Rockies	59
5. Braves	61

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				PHI		PHI
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
PHI		LAD	LAD	LAD	SF	SF
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
SF	ARI	ARI	ARI		STL	STL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
STL	COL	COL	COL		ATL	ATL
29	30					
ATL	ATL					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		STL	STL	STL	CIN	CIN
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CIN		WAS	WAS	WAS	HOU	HOU
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
HOU	MIA	MIA	WAS	WAS	DET	DET
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
DET	NYM	NYM	NYM		CHC	CHC
27	28	29	30	31		
CHC	CIN	CIN	CIN			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	2
					MIL	MIL
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MIL		CIN	CIN	CIN	KC	KC
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
KC		BAL	BAL	BAL	CLE	CLE
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
CLE		MIN	MIN	MIN	DET	DET
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
DET	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	STL	STL

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
STL	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU	SF	SF
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
SF					MIL	MIL
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
MIL	COL	COL	COL		MIA	MIA
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
MIA	CHC	CHC	CHC	HOU	HOU	HOU
29	30	31				
HOU	CHC	CHC				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	2	3	4
			CHC		CIN	CIN
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
CIN	ARI	ARI	ARI	ARI	SD	SD
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
SD	LAD	LAD	LAD	LAD	STL	STL
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
STL	SD	SD	SD		MIL	MIL
26	27	28	29	30	31	
MIL	STL	STL	STL			

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
						MIL
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
MIL	HOU	HOU	HOU		CHC	CHC
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
CHC	CIN	CIN	CIN		CHC	CHC
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
CHC	CHC	MIL	MIL	MIL	HOU	HOU
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
HOU	NYM	NYM	NYM	NYM	CIN	CIN
30	1	2	3			
CIN	ATL	ATL	ATL			



him to a six-year, \$15-million contract extension last August that could stretch through 2019 if three club options are exercised. Presley acquitted himself well last season in his first extended major-league action, hitting .298 in 52 games.

CATCHING Barajas was signed to a one-year, \$3.5-million contract as a free agent because he still has some pop at 36 — 16 home runs in 98 games for the Dodgers last season — and an ability to handle young pitching. Michael McKenry, a solid defender, will likely be the backup catcher.

BENCH McGehee and Harrison figure into the plan as potential backups if they don't unseat Alvarez at third base. The Pirates are hoping Nate McLouth can regain some magic by returning to Pittsburgh after signing him as a free agent during the winter meetings to be the fourth outfielder. He won a Gold Glove and played in the All-Star Game in 2008 before the Pirates traded to him to Atlanta the next

season. His career has gone into a nosedive. Versatile Yamaico Navarro, acquired from Kansas City in a winter trade, intrigues the Pirates with his bat, but his defense is shaky in the middle infield. Thus, the door could be open for slick-fielding Rule 5 shortstop Gustavo Nunez, selected from Detroit, to make the club.

MANAGEMENT General manager Neal Huntington had to wait until last September before learning he would be returning this season on a three-year contract. Huntington has shown a knack for acquiring pitching gems, but most of the hitters he has signed as free agents have been busts. Clint Hurdle was a breath of fresh air last year in his first season as manager. He brought plenty of energy, and his positive nature rubbed off on his players, who no longer feel it is the Pirates' birthright to be doormats.

FINAL ANALYSIS There is no denying that the Pirates are moving in the right direction, as their major league roster and farm system are much more talented than when Huntington took over in 2007. Hurdle also seems to be the man to take the franchise places. However, it would be premature to think the Pirates can contend this season. They still have too many holes and not enough depth. Yet if things break right, the first winning season since 1992 is a possibility.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

SEASON TO FORGET Third baseman Pedro Alvarez hit .191 with four home runs in 74 games with one stint on the disabled list and two demotions to the minor leagues. That is not what the Pirates envisioned when they used the second overall pick in the 2008 draft on Alvarez and signed him to a major league contract worth \$6.355 million. "All I can do about last year is take as much as I can from it, good or bad, and turn it into a positive experience," Alvarez says.

ROLE REVERSAL The Pirates have been sellers so often over the years that it seemed only natural that media members would assume they would try to trade closer Joel Hanrahan during the offseason. Despite rumors to the contrary, the Pirates didn't shop Hanrahan. He believes he will also survive the July 31 non-waiver trading deadline. "It's flattering that people think I'm marketable and in demand," Hanrahan says. "I don't envision myself being anywhere else, though. It's going to be like last year — we're going to be buyers at the deadline."

IN THE ZONE Seldom, if ever, are the initials UZR used in a press release announcing the signing of a free agent. The Pirates, though, used Ultimate Zone Rating — an advanced defensive metric found at FanGraphs.com — to tout bringing shortstop Clint Barmes to Pittsburgh on a two-year, \$10.5-million contract. Barmes had the best UZR among National League shortstops last season. "It's really nice that people think so highly of my defense but I honestly have no idea how they figure that stuff out," Barmes says with a chuckle.

CASEY AT THE BAT In case you hadn't noticed, the Pirates are big into statistical analysis. That is part of the reason why they took a shot on third baseman Casey McGehee, acquiring him from Milwaukee in an offseason trade for reliever Jose Veras. McGehee hit .223 with 13 home runs last season for the Brewers, down from .285 and 23 in 2010. The Pirates believe some of McGehee's drop in production was just plain bad luck, as he hit .249 on balls in play (BABIP), 47 points below the NL average of .296.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK GERRIT COLE

Cole, a right-handed pitcher from UCLA, has yet to make his official professional debut. Yet it already looks like the Pirates made the right decision last year in selecting him with the first overall selection in the draft then giving him an \$8 million signing bonus. Cole did not sign until mid-August, too late to pitch in the minor leagues. However, he was impressive in the Arizona Fall



League, where his fastball was clocked as high as 103 mph and his slider was unhittable. Cole also throws a curveball, primarily for show, and many scouts believe his changeup is already major league ready. Cole was the Yankees' first-round draft pick in 2008 following his senior year of high school in Orange County, Calif. However, both Cole and his parents felt he needed the college experience to help him mature. Cole is expected to make his debut at high Class A Bradenton in the Florida State League.

2010 TOP PICK

Jameson Taillon, RHP, The Woodlands (Texas) HS Fastball reaches 100 mph and curveball is an even better pitch. Will start season in Bradenton rotation with Cole.

2009 TOP PICK

Tony Sanchez, C, Boston College Took major step backward both offensively and defensively last season at Double-A Altoona and will repeat the level.

2008 TOP PICK

Pedro Alvarez, 3B, Vanderbilt It might be a make-or-break year for Alvarez, now 25, as it seems his chances of becoming a franchise cornerstone are dimming.

2007 TOP PICK

Daniel Moskos, LHP, Clemson He made his major league debut last season as a reliever and that is going to be his role going forward.

2006 TOP PICK

Brad Lincoln, RHP, Houston His competitiveness and ability to throw hard might make him better suited to relieving than starting.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Stetson Allie (21) Second-rounder in 2010 throws 100 mph but has had trouble finding the strike zone in pro ball.

OF Josh Bell (19) Will make pro debut this year after Pirates gave the power-hitting switch-hitter a second-round record \$5 million to pass on playing at the University of Texas.

OF Robbie Grossman (22) Exploded at high Class A Bradenton last season with 127 runs scored and 104 walks.

RHP Luis Heredia (17) Mexican has highest ceiling of any Pirates prospect with fastball that already hits 97 mph.

OF Starling Marte (23) True five-tool talent who will be knocking on the door at Triple-A Indianapolis this season.

PIRATES ROSTER

General Manager: Neal Huntington **Manager:** Clint Hurdle **Coaches:** Jeff Banister (bench), Nick Leyva (third base), Gregg Ritchie (batting), Euclides Rojas (bullpen), Ray Searage (pitching), Luis Silverio (first base), Mark Strittmatter



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
23	Erik Bedard	L-L	6-1	200	3/5/79	SEATTLE	4-7	3.45	16	16	0	91.1	77	30	87	
						BOSTON	1-2	4.03	8	8	0	38.0	41	18	38	
29	Kevin Correia	R-R	6-3	210	8/24/80	PITTSBURGH	12-11	4.79	27	26	0	154.0	175	39	77	
39	Jason Grilli	R-R	6-4	225	1/11/76	PITTSBURGH	2-1	2.48	28	0	1	32.2	24	15	37	
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	4-1	1.93	28	0	3	32.2	26	12	43	
52	Joel Hanrahan	R-R	6-4	250	10/6/81	PITTSBURGH	1-4	1.83	70	0	40	68.2	56	16	61	
48	Jared Hughes	R-R	6-7	245	7/4/85	PITTSBURGH	0-1	4.09	12	0	0	11.0	9	4	10	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	3-1	2.11	35	0	0	42.2	35	18	45	
						Altoona (AA)	3-4	4.09	13	11	0	61.2	62	18	33	
27	Jeff Karstens	R-R	6-3	185	9/24/82	PITTSBURGH	9-9	3.38	30	26	0	162.1	163	33	96	
63	Chris Leroux	L-R	6-6	230	4/14/84	PITTSBURGH	1-1	2.88	23	0	0	25.0	26	7	24	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	6-3	2.80	32	0	1	61.0	48	21	57	
						Altoona (AA)	1-2	2.57	5	0	0	7.0	9	0	6	
32	Brad Lincoln	L-R	6-0	210	5/25/85	PITTSBURGH	2-3	4.72	12	8	0	47.2	54	16	29	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	7-8	4.19	19	19	0	111.2	115	21	94	
37	Jeff Locke	L-L	6-1	180	11/20/87	PITTSBURGH	0-3	6.48	4	4	0	16.2	21	10	5	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	1-2	2.22	5	5	0	28.1	25	9	25	
						Altoona (AA)	7-8	4.03	23	22	0	125.0	118	46	114	
34	Daniel McCutchen	R-R	6-2	215	9/26/82	PITTSBURGH	5-3	3.72	73	0	0	84.2	87	33	47	
53	James McDonald	L-R	6-4	205	10/19/84	PITTSBURGH	9-9	4.21	31	31	0	171.0	176	78	142	
60	Kyle McPherson	S-R	6-4	220	11/11/87	Altoona (AA)	8-5	3.02	16	16	0	89.1	75	21	82	
						Bradenton (A)	4-1	2.89	12	12	0	71.2	62	6	60	
47	Evan Meek	R-R	6-0	225	5/12/83	PITTSBURGH	1-1	3.48	24	0	0	20.2	27	12	17	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	0-0	2.25	8	0	1	8.0	6	1	8	
						Bradenton (A)	0-0	0.00	2	1	0	2.0	1	0	2	
51	Bryan Morris	R-R	6-3	220	3/28/87	Altoona (AA)	3-4	3.35	35	6	3	78.0	72	33	64	
50	Charlie Morton	R-R	6-5	230	11/12/83	PITTSBURGH	10-10	3.83	29	29	0	171.2	186	77	110	
57	Daniel Moskos	R-L	6-1	207	4/28/86	PITTSBURGH	1-1	2.96	31	0	0	24.1	29	9	11	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	1-1	3.43	30	0	3	42.0	40	11	29	
99	Rudy Owens	L-L	6-3	230	12/18/87	Indianapolis (AAA)	9-7	5.05	21	21	0	112.1	129	32	71	
30	Chris Resop	R-R	6-3	225	11/4/82	PITTSBURGH	5-4	4.39	76	0	1	69.2	73	30	79	
44	Tony Watson	L-L	6-4	210	5/30/85	PITTSBURGH	2-2	3.95	43	0	0	41.0	34	20	37	
						Indianapolis (AAA)	3-3	2.36	26	1	0	34.1	24	11	35	
67	Duke Welker	L-R	6-7	259	2/10/86	Altoona (AA)	1-0	5.40	8	0	0	10.0	11	1	9	
						Bradenton (A)	3-5	2.25	36	0	6	52.0	33	25	41	
61	Justin Wilson	L-L	6-2	221	8/18/87	Indianapolis (AAA)	10-8	4.13	30	21	3	124.1	121	67	94	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
26	Rod Barajas	R-R	6-2	250	9/5/75	LOS ANGELES NL	.230	98	305	29	70	16	47	22	71	0
						R. Cucamonga (A)	.389	4	18	4	7	1	2	1	2	0
55	Michael McKenry	R-R	5-10	215	3/4/85	PITTSBURGH	.222	58	180	17	40	2	11	14	49	0
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.274	29	95	10	26	3	12	14	24	1
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
24	Pedro Alvarez	L-R	6-3	233	2/6/87	PITTSBURGH	.191	74	235	18	45	4	19	24	80	1
						Indianapolis (AAA)	.256	35	125	16	32	5	19	22	42	0
						Bradenton (A)	.188	6	16	2	3	1	2	3	5	0
						GCL Pirates (R)	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Clint Barmes	R-R	6-1	205	3/6/79	HOUSTON	.244	123	446	47	109	12	39	38	88	3
						Oklahoma City (AAA)	.333	2	6	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
						Corpus Christi (AA)	.444	2	9	2	4	0	2	2	1	0
3	Chase d'Arnaud	R-R	6-1	205	1/21/87	PITTSBURGH	.217	48	143	17	31	0	6	4	36	12
						Indianapolis (AAA)	.264	74	288	43	76	4	37	23	53	20
						Bradenton (A)	.333	4	12	3	4	1	3	1	0	2
65	Matt Hague	R-R	6-3	225	8/20/85	Indianapolis (AAA)	.309	141	534	70	165	12	75	47	68	4
5	Josh Harrison	R-R	5-8	190	7/8/87	PITTSBURGH	.272	65	195	21	53	1	16	3	24	4
						Indianapolis (AAA)	.310	62	226	35	70	5	23	15	28	13
46	Garrett Jones	L-L	6-4	230	6/21/81	PITTSBURGH	.243	148	423	51	103	16	58	48	104	6
14	Casey McGehee	R-R	6-1	220	10/12/82	MILWAUKEE	.223	155	546	46	122	13	67	45	104	0
69	Jordy Mercer	R-R	6-3	200	8/27/86	Indianapolis (AAA)	.239	60	226	39	54	6	21	13	43	3
						Altoona (AA)	.268	72	265	40	71	13	48	23	35	6
36	Yamaico Navarro	R-R	5-11	170	10/31/87	BOSTON	.216	16	37	6	8	1	3	3	9	0
						Pawtucket (AAA)	.258	34	128	25	33	5	13	17	25	3
						KANSAS CITY	.304	6	23	2	7	0	6	2	5	0
						Omaha (AAA)	.272	25	92	11	25	2	9	7	18	3
70	Gustavo Nunez	S-R	5-10	170	2/8/88	Erie (AA)	.215	34	121	13	26	2	8	5	27	4
						Lakeland (A)	.304	62	260	46	79	3	18	25	40	14
18	Neil Walker	S-R	6-3	210	9/10/85	PITTSBURGH	.273	159	596	76	163	12	83	54	112	9
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
62	Gorkys Hernandez	R-R	6-0	190	9/7/87	Indianapolis (AAA)	.283	126	424	48	120	1	40	35	91	21
64	Starling Marte	R-R	6-2	180	10/9/88	Altoona (AA)	.332	129	536	91	178	12	50	22	100	24
22	Andrew McCutchen	R-R	5-10	185	10/10/86	PITTSBURGH	.259	158	572	87	148	23	89	89	126	23
2	Nate McLouth	L-R	5-11	180	10/28/81	ATLANTA	.228	81	267	35	61	4	16	44	52	4
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.500	3	6	2	3	0	1	2	2	0
7	Alex Presley	L-L	5-9	185	7/25/85	PITTSBURGH	.298	52	215	27	64	4	20	13	40	9
						Indianapolis (AAA)	.333	87	342	58	114	8	41	28	54	22
						Bradenton (A)	.167	2	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
31	Jose Tabata	R-R	5-11	215	8/12/88	PITTSBURGH	.266	91	334	53	89	4	21	40	61	16
						Indianapolis (AAA)	.333	9	33	6	11	0	2	5	4	0
						Bradenton (A)	.125	4	8	1	1	0	1	3	3	0



ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

**2012
PREDICTION**

1st

NL CENTRAL

**2011
RECORD
90-72**

HOME: 45-36 ROAD: 45-36

TEAM STADIUM
Busch Stadium

TICKETS CAPACITY
314-345-9600 49,660

TEAM WEBSITE
stlouis.cardinals.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	78	3rd
2008	86	4th
2009	91	1st
2010	86	2nd
2011	90	2nd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ OF Matt Holliday



HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Jaime Garcia

BUY LOW ♦ SP Adam Wainwright

SELL HIGH ♦ RP Fernando Salas

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ OF/1B Allen Craig

IPO ♦ SP Shelby Miller

FUTURES MARKET ♦ 1B Matt Adams

INSIDER TIP ♦ 3B David Freese is verging on a big breakout; Wainwright will be as good as ever by summer; and Craig is a cheap must-have when he's ready in May.

With the Cardinals wallowing 10.5 games back in the wild card race, several veterans convened a team meeting in late August to stress making the most of a misspent season. Two months later they did more than that. They made history. The Cardinals won 34 of their final 50 games (including the postseason) and punctuated baseball's most improbable comeback with the franchise's 11th championship. Down to their final strike twice in Game 6, the Cardinals rallied to win and then defeated the Texas Rangers in Game 7 of a captivating World Series.

That's when things really got interesting. Tony La Russa retired after 16 years with the Cardinals as the club's winningest manager. Three-time MVP Albert Pujols left behind a legacy of 11 uncanny seasons for a record \$250 million contract with the Angels. Their departures signaled the sudden end of one of the franchise's greatest eras, but not the end of its ability to pursue another title. Mike Matheny, without a day in the dugout as a coach or manager, took over and redirected the conversation from who was leaving to who was returning. Matt Holliday, Lance Berkman and newcomer Carlos Beltran will power the lineup, and ace Adam Wainwright is back after missing all of 2011. Despite the loss of two icons, the Cardinals enter 2012 with a team that they believe can win again. Just without all the drama.

ROTATION The news that threatened to derail the Cardinals' summer before it started came last February: Wainwright needed season-ending elbow surgery. Now, one year later, Wainwright returns this spring to complete a rotation set to defend a World Series title. He'll reunite with Chris Carpenter, who shouldered a league-high 237.1 innings and won four playoff games. Carpenter is 44-22 with a 3.02 ERA in the past three seasons. Jaime Garcia is working to minimize his habit of letting minor trouble mushroom so that he can emerge as the division's top young lefty. Kyle Lohse went 3-0 with a 1.72 ERA during the final month to lead the rotation in wins (14) and ERA (3.39). Jake Westbrook's inconsistency kept him from 200 innings.

BULLPEN The trade that fortified the Cardinals for the postseason did so by sending outfielder Colby Rasmus to Toronto and reshaping a beleaguered bullpen. The Cardinals had been sabotaged by blown saves — they'd finish with 26 — and to mend the ruptures they added four arms: lefties Marc Rzepczynski and Arthur Rhodes, righty Octavio Dotel, and Kyle McClellan, transplanted from the rotation. By October, the bullpen became a force, posting a 3.31 ERA in the playoffs and inspiring La Russa's 75 pitching changes, a record for a single postseason. Vets like Dotel are gone, leaving closer Jason Motte to anchor an October-tested, though still green, pack of burgeoning arms.

MIDDLE INFIELD When Rafael Furcal arrived from the Dodgers on the trade deadline, he did more than introduce the rallying cry for getaway day victories — "Happy Flight!" He also brought a steadfast glove. Mileage has made him less of a dynamo on offense, but Furcal remains a top-flight shortstop, a safety net that the Cardinals' groundball



YADIER MOLINA

ATHLON SPORTS BASEBALL 2012

DIFFERENCE MAKER CARLOS BELTRAN

In pursuit of his first World Series title, Beltran has joined the team that twice kept him from it. Beltran hit seven home runs total in two National League championship series against the Cardinals, but his Astros team lost in 2004, and with the Mets in 2006 he famously took a curveball for the called third strike to end Game 7. In 44 games with the Giants last season, Beltran slugged .551 with a .920 OPS. The Cardinals envision him as an extra-base threat and table-setter of a batting order that no longer includes Albert Pujols.

staff requires. Furcal returns on a two-year deal at a position that's been in flux since David Eckstein left four seasons ago. Second base should be so stable. Skip Schumaker, the incumbent, returns, but the Cardinals have identified Daniel Descalso for regular playing time, and a rotation could be afoot.

CORNERS When the Cardinals pushed in September to re-sign Berkman for another season, their motivation went beyond rewarding his comeback summer. He was insurance. Berkman offered an All-Star alternative at first base if Pujols vacated. The veteran switch-hitter is a worthy replacement after finishing seventh in NL MVP voting and fueling the Cardinals with his best offensive season since 2008. In World Series Game 6, Berkman's single tied the game in the 10th inning to set up David Freese's winning homer in the 11th. Now healthy, Freese has the potential to help replace lost offense. Including the postseason, Freese had 12 homers, 58 RBIs and a .525 slugging percentage in his final 77 games. The Cardinals no longer have to squint through the injury report to see the makings of their next impact hitter.

OUTFIELD The gamble of signing a former rival late in his career paid off so handsomely with Berkman that the Cardinals are trying it again. Enter Beltran. The switch-hitter became the Cardinals' chief target when Pujols left because he fit immediate needs. Beltran is the first player outside the organization to sign a multi-year deal during general manager John Mozeliak's stewardship. Beltran augments what already was the NL's most productive outfield. Holliday's 2011 was complicated by unlucky injuries (example: a moth flew in his ear), and yet the only left fielder to out-produce him was MVP Ryan Braun. Jon Jay seized the everyday job in center with savvy and a swing that will make him a high-average hitter in any role. Allen Craig's breakout as a power complement to Holliday will be delayed by knee surgery. That puts Beltran in right to start the year, in center at times through the year, and in position to match Berkman with an All-Star year.

CATCHING Accustomed to getting elite play from him behind the plate, the Cardinals saw what could be a breakout year at the plate for 29-year-old Yadier Molina. The Gold Glove Award winner set new career bests in average, homers and RBIs. His career-best .465 slugging percentage was 100-plus points better than his career .361. Molina tied for the lead in the majors in starts (131) and finished third in innings caught (1,150), and for only the second time in five seasons he avoided knee troubles at season's end. Molina is in the final year of his contract, and while the Cardinals measure him for an extension they'll also audition young options at backup, including Tony Cruz.

BENCH After several seasons of building their bench around inexperienced players to control costs and cultivate homegrown talents, the Cardinals may delay their usual search for a seasoned backup. They've developed their own

STATISTICIAN

- 50 Total bases David Freese had in the postseason, becoming the first in major league history to reach 50 in October.
- 169 Double plays the Cardinals grounded into in 2011, setting a new NL record.
- 8 Relievers who had at least one save for the Cardinals in 2011, the most since nine relievers did in 2008.
- 3 Number of 2012 Cardinals who ranked in the NL's top nine for OPS in 2011: Lance Berkman .959 (fourth), Matt Holliday .912 (seventh) and Carlos Beltran .910 (ninth).
- 917 Allen Craig's OPS through 219 plate appearances in 2011, which would have been enough to crack the top 10 if he had enough playing time to qualify.
- 1 Number of 40-homer seasons since 2001 by a Cardinal not named Albert Pujols. Jim Edmonds hit 42 in 2004. Pujols had six 40-homer seasons.

CARDINALS

BATTING ORDER

SS Rafael Furcal (S)	A nimble fielder with his signature rifle arm, Furcal still shows flickers of electric talent.
RF Carlos Beltran (S)	Six-time All-Star brings desired power/OBP blend for post-Albert Pujols lineup.
LF Matt Holliday (R)	Heir apparent to Pujols' lineup spot is a former batting champ who teammates believe is poised to win an MVP.
1B Lance Berkman (S)	Charismatic presence and revived force on the field, Comeback Player of the Year returns for an encore.
3B David Freese (R)	His October heroics could be springboard into breakout season. If he stays healthy, he'll stay productive.
CF Jon Jay (L)	For second straight season, Jay started in a part-time role, and production earned him a regular's playing time.
C Yadier Molina (R)	Four-time Gold Glove winner had a career year at the plate with highs in BA (.305), slugging (.465), HRs (14). Glue guy landed a two-year deal this winter and a new position title from management: "super utility."
2B Skip Schumaker (L)	

BENCH

OF Allen Craig (R)	With four homers in the postseason, Craig showed his promise and his pop — with a fractured kneecap.
INF Daniel Descalso (L)	Started 81 games, often finishing them as a defensive replacement at third. He'll vie for starts at second.
INF Tyler Greene (R)	Overpowering at Triple-A, former first-round pick appears overwhelmed and uneasy in the majors.
C Tony Cruz (R)	Gained the trust of the rotation and proved versatile enough to play third and outfield.
OF Erik Komatsu (L)	Hasn't played above Double-A and will have to outpace Adron Chambers to be club's speedy extra outfielder.

ROTATION

RH Chris Carpenter	Ace owned October with four wins, including World Series Game 7 and shutout to clinch division series.
RH Adam Wainwright	Back from Tommy John, he expects to return to elite status that includes two top-three finishes in Cy Young.
LH Jaime Garcia	Rewarded for potential with a four-year extension with options that could keep him a Cardinal through 2017.
RH Kyle Lohse	Healthy after two years of nagging forearm trouble, rightly led rotation in wins and ERA.
RH Jake Westbrook	Inability to command his signature pitch, the sinking fastball, kept Westbrook from grounding opponents.

BULLPEN

RH Jason Motte (Closer)	Hard-throwing righty seized the ninth during the September run.
RH Kyle McClellan	Started 2011 in the rotation before returning to familiar setup role he'll likely hold this summer.
RH Fernando Salas	Rescued a hemorrhaging bullpen with his steady pulse and a team-best 24 saves.
RH Mitchell Boggs	Has the desirable high-voltage sinker and breaking ball that fits late-inning assignments.
RH Lance Lynn	Rookie emerged as a power reliever, but durability may make him an attractive starter.
LH Marc Rzepczynski	Advised as the long-term prize of the Rasmus trade, "Scrabble" has the stuff to someday start.
LH J.C. Romero	Cardinals are banking on a rebound from the inconsistencies that defined 2011.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Additions made shortly after Albert Pujols signed elsewhere left only one starting position undetermined entering spring training — second base. Skip Schumaker returns as the incumbent, though Cardinals officials spent the winter selling Daniel Descalso as the likely starter. Tyler Greene could make a claim as the right-handed-hitting complement to either. Schumaker has a habit of winning playing time with strong springs, but Descalso has never had an opportunity to win an everyday role. Greene could earn a prominent spot on the bench.

STATLINE



MOST TIMES LOADED THE BASES, 2011

1. Jake Westbrook, Cardinals	25
2t. Chris Carpenter, Cardinals	24
2t. Dillon Gee, Mets	24
4. J.A. Happ, Astros	23
5. Ian Kennedy, Diamondbacks	22



CARDINALS

SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
MIL	CIN	CIN	CIN	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

MAY

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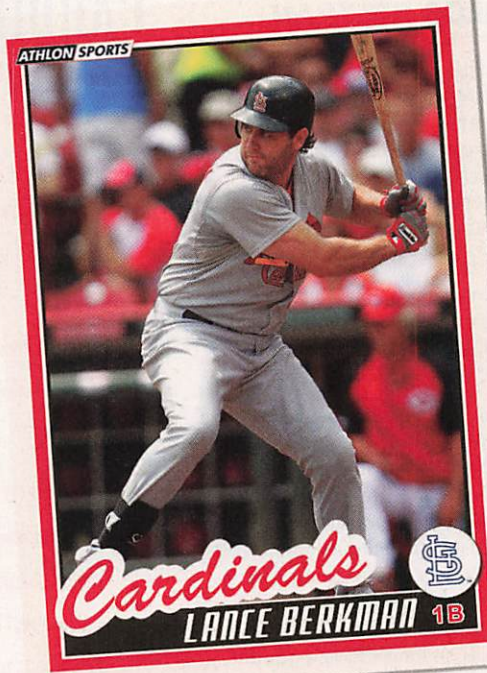
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Cardinals
LANCE BERKMAN 1B

experienced role players. Tyler Greene took several short tours as a utility infielder, and Descalso shined as defensive replacement and part-timer in 2011. There will still be youngsters aplenty because the Cardinals aren't shy about shuttling players between Triple-A Memphis and St. Louis. How Matheny intends to utilize his role players will help set the ideal bench blend and determine when (or if) the annual addition of a vet is necessary.

MANAGEMENT Mozeliak emerged from the defining stretch of his tenure with a team he redefined for the future. Within weeks of being unable to re-sign Pujols, Mozeliak moved aggressively to lock in Furcal and Beltran. In four seasons as GM, Mozeliak has made successful deals under duress (Scott Rolen for Troy Glaus), taken high-yield risks (Berkman), and pieced together a gutsy blockbuster (three-team Rasmus trade). With two headlining personalities moving out, Mozeliak is the

club's public voice surrounded by a roster and front office of his making. The biggest stamp Mozeliak put on the offseason was hiring Matheny. The former Gold Glove catcher landed the job on the Cardinals' longstanding view he had potential to manage. Matheny is a commanding presence and already a confidant of many players. In his early days on the job, he mined La Russa and Whitey Herzog for their expertise and canvassed the organization, from its analytics department to its scouts.

FINAL ANALYSIS A day after Pujols' decision to leave, the new face of the franchise took stock of the team around him. Most clubs, Holliday said, would lose a Hall of Fame manager and the best hitter of his generation and "be sent reeling." Yet, a sense of optimism prevailed. The Cardinals know they cannot replace Pujols, but they don't believe they need to in order to remain competitive. A new era is being built around the pitching staff and the next generation of core players, like righty Shelby Miller, who can ease onto a strong roster. "If we're not the favorite, I'd like to know who is," Wainwright says. An offseason that could have created an identity crisis instead reinforced the Cardinals' constant. No matter how profound the changes, their expectations to contend remain the same.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

FLASH FREESE The breakout star of the postseason was St. Louis native David Freese, who went from the game-tying triple and game-winning homer in Game 6 to Hollywood. After the World Series, Freese appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Jay Leno, *Ellen*, and had a cameo in a sitcom. Freese was the first position player since 1982 to win the NLCS MVP and World Series MVP in the same season. He also offered a story of redemption as he embraced sobriety after a DUI arrest. "We might have a seen a star born right before our eyes," teammate Kyle McClellan says. "He's going to find himself the face of the franchise."

BIG MAC'S ATTACK In his second season as hitting coach, Mark McGwire oversaw the most productive and selective offense in the NL. The Cardinals led the National League in average (.273), on-base percentage (.341) and runs scored (762). With strikeout rates soaring throughout baseball, the Cardinals bought into McGwire's approach and were the only NL team with fewer than 1,000 Ks in 2011.

NEW CORE COMING Albert Pujols' departure leaves the Cardinals with something they didn't expect to have — flexibility. The Cardinals now have the ability to identify a new nucleus of stalwarts. Yadier Molina, whose contract expires after 2012, and Adam Wainwright, up after 2013, are obvious candidates for extensions to join Matt Holliday and Jaime Garcia, each already signed through 2017. The Cardinals' trend is to trade for a desired star player before negotiating a long-term deal, and this summer or next could yield the next core Cardinal.

CARP'S CLASSIC In the decisive Game 5 of the NLDS, Chris Carpenter authored one of the finest performances in Cardinals' history. He shut out Philadelphia for a 1-0 win, and he did so against a dear friend, Roy Halladay. It was the duel Tony La Russa openly wished for when the series started, and it delivered. Halladay allowed only a first-inning run. Carpenter allowed only four baserunners. A few months later, the two pals took their previously planned fishing trip to the Amazon.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK KOLTEN WONG

It's standard practice for a first-round pick to say he wants to sign as soon as possible. Wong meant it. The infielder from the University of Hawaii, taken 22nd overall, backed up his comments with a quick pen and a quicker acclimation to pro ball. Wong signed for a \$1.3-million bonus and played 47 games at Low-A Quad Cities. There he hit .335 with a .401 on-base percentage and helped catapult the River Bandits to the Midwest League championship. Wong packs a bat beyond his 5'9" frame and slugged .510, peppering the outfield with a line-drive stroke that projects at higher levels. Wong is athletic enough to play center, but he proved nimble enough to stay at second base. Scouts saw improved instincts at the position, and given his innate sense of the game, he could make his debut in Class AA. It figures Wong would ascend as he arrived — quickly.



2010 TOP PICK

Zack Cox, 3B, Arkansas After a slow start in Class AA Springfield, Cox blossomed with a .335 average and 23 extra-base hits in the second half of the season.

2009 TOP PICK

Shelby Miller, RHP, Brownwood (Texas) HS One of the top pitching prospects in the game, Miller rifled through Class AA with his 95-mph fastball and nascent off-speed pitches.

2008 TOP PICK

Brett Wallace, 3B, Arizona State The key part of the Matt Holliday trade in 2009, Wallace cycled through four organizations before surfacing as a starter in Houston.

2007 TOP PICK

Pete Kozma, SS, Owasso (Okla.) HS A soft-handed fielder, Kozma's bat didn't catch up with him at Triple-A, recasting him, for the moment, as a utility infielder.

2006 TOP PICK

Adam Ottavino, RHP, Northeastern After a 2011 season pitching mostly in limbo, the power righty is back on the 40-man roster in a new role, reliever.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Carlos Martinez (20) Power-armed righty rifled to 98 strikeouts in his first 84.2 innings in North America with 100-mph fastball.

OF Oscar Taveras (19) Won Midwest League batting title with .386 average and was second-youngest player in Arizona Fall League.

RHP Tyrell Jenkins (19) Instead of playing football at Baylor, hard-throwing Jenkins fired 3.86 ERA and hurled Johnson City to second consecutive league title.

1B Matt Adams (23) Slugger set Double-A Springfield record with 32 homers, asserting himself as Cardinals' top power prospect.

RHP Jordan Swagerty (22) After starting and closing in 2011, Swagerty is set for a rapid ascension as a reliever with his biting curveball.

CARDINALS ROSTER

General Manager: John Mozeliak **Manager:** Mike Matheny **Coaches:** Mike Aldrete (bench), Dave Duncan (pitching), Derek Lilliquist (bullpen), Chris Maloney (first base), Mark McGwire (batting), Jose Oquendo (third base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
41	Mitchell Boggs	R-R	6-4	215	2/15/84	ST. LOUIS	2-3	3.56	51	0	4	60.2	62	21	48	
29	Chris Carpenter Maikel Cleto	R-R	6-6	230	4/27/75 5/1/89	Memphis (AAA)	0-2	2.45	4	4	0	14.2	12	5	14	
						ST. LOUIS	11-9	3.45	34	34	0	237.1	243	55	191	
						ST. LOUIS	0-0	12.46	3	0	0	4.1	7	4	6	
						Memphis (AAA)	5-3	4.29	13	13	0	71.1	57	43	66	
						Springfield (AA)	2-2	3.93	7	6	0	34.1	40	12	36	
	Brandon Dickson	R-R	6-5	190	11/3/84	Palm Beach (A)	1-1	2.48	5	5	0	29.0	20	10	33	
						ST. LOUIS	0-0	3.24	4	1	0	8.1	9	3	7	
						Memphis (AAA)	8-9	3.95	26	25	0	157.1	169	32	124	
						Memphis (AAA)	5-3	2.30	54	0	1	70.1	44	37	61	
						Springfield (AA)	2-2	3.03	52	0	3	59.1	53	28	52	
	Chuckie Fick Sam Freeman	R-R	6-5	187	11/20/85 6/24/87	Palm Beach (A)	0-0	4.00	7	0	0	9.0	8	4	7	
						ST. LOUIS	13-7	3.56	32	32	0	194.2	207	50	156	
						ST. LOUIS	14-8	3.39	30	30	0	188.1	178	42	111	
						ST. LOUIS	1-1	3.12	18	2	1	34.2	25	11	40	
						Memphis (AAA)	7-3	3.84	12	12	0	75.0	79	25	64	
46	Kyle McClellan	R-R	6-2	215	6/12/84	ST. LOUIS	12-7	4.19	43	17	0	141.2	143	43	76	
	Shelby Miller	R-R	6-3	195	10/10/90	Springfield (AA)	9-3	2.70	16	16	0	86.2	72	33	89	
						Palm Beach (A)	2-3	2.89	9	9	0	53.0	40	20	81	
						ST. LOUIS	5-2	2.25	78	0	9	68.0	49	16	63	
						Memphis (AAA)	7-8	4.85	26	25	0	141.0	154	71	120	
						Memphis (AAA)	0-1	1.42	5	0	0	6.1	7	1	1	
30	Jason Motte	R-R	6-0	200	6/22/82	ST. LOUIS	1-0	4.32	12	0	0	8.1	12	3	9	
	Adam Ottavino Adam Reifer J.C. Romero	L-R	6-5	230	11/22/85 6/3/86 6/4/76	Memphis (AAA)	0-0	3.38	3	0	0	2.2	2	3	3	
						PHILADELPHIA	0-0	3.86	24	0	0	16.1	16	12	10	
						Lakewood (A)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.0	0	1	1	
						Scranton/WB (AAA)	1-0	2.92	11	0	0	12.1	11	5	10	
						Syracuse (AAA)	0-0	1.29	5	0	0	7.0	3	1	5	
34	Marc Rzepczynski	L-L	6-1	206	8/29/85	ST. LOUIS	0-3	3.97	28	0	0	22.2	22	11	28	
	Fernando Salas	R-R	6-2	200	5/30/85	TORONTO	2-3	2.97	43	0	0	39.1	28	15	33	
						ST. LOUIS	5-6	2.28	68	0	24	75.0	50	21	75	
						Memphis (AAA)	0-0	0.00	3	0	2	3.0	2	0	4	
						ST. LOUIS	3-1	1.80	26	0	5	30.0	14	16	35	
						Memphis (AAA)	1-0	0.00	2	0	0	3.0	0	0	3	
52	Eduardo Sanchez	R-R	5-11	170	2/16/89	Springfield (AA)	0-1	4.15	3	0	0	4.1	3	2	3	
50	Adam Wainwright	R-R	6-7	228	8/30/81	INJURED—Missed Season										
35	Jake Westbrook	R-R	6-3	215	9/29/77	ST. LOUIS	12-9	4.66	33	33	0	183.1	208	73	104	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Bryan Anderson	L-R	6-1	200	12/16/86	Memphis (AAA)	.281	98	335	39	94	8	37	36	76	1
48	Tony Cruz	R-R	5-11	205	8/18/86	ST. LOUIS	.262	38	65	8	17	0	6	6	13	0
	Yadier Molina	R-R	5-11	230	7/13/82	Memphis (AAA)	.262	45	149	13	39	4	25	11	31	0
						ST. LOUIS	.305	139	475	55	145	14	65	33	44	4
						ST. LOUIS	.301	145	488	90	147	31	94	92	93	2
						ST. LOUIS	.067	7	15	0	1	0	0	4	4	0
						Memphis (AAA)	.300	130	434	61	130	12	70	84	68	5
	Zack Cox	L-R	6-0	215	5/9/89	Springfield (AA)	.293	93	352	54	103	10	48	29	69	0
	Daniel Descalso	L-R	5-10	190	10/19/86	Palm Beach (A)	.335	42	164	22	55	3	20	11	29	2
						ST. LOUIS	.264	148	326	35	86	1	28	33	65	2
						ST. LOUIS	.297	97	333	41	99	10	55	24	75	1
						Memphis (AAA)	.231	4	13	1	3	0	1	1	3	0
						ST. LOUIS	.255	50	196	29	50	7	16	17	18	4
15	Rafael Furcal	S-R	5-8	190	10/24/77	LOS ANGELES NL	.197	37	137	15	27	1	12	11	21	5
	Tyler Greene	R-R	6-2	190	8/17/83	Albuquerque (AAA)	.385	4	13	2	5	1	6	3	1	0
						R. Cucamonga (A)	.318	6	22	10	7	0	1	3	3	1
						ST. LOUIS	.212	58	104	22	22	1	11	13	31	11
						Memphis (AAA)	.323	66	254	53	82	14	43	37	75	19
						ST. LOUIS	.213	38	47	5	10	0	4	4	16	0
38	Mark Hamilton	L-L	6-4	220	7/29/84	Memphis (AAA)	.345	69	252	48	87	2	39	42	44	0
47	Pete Kozma	R-R	6-0	170	4/11/88	ST. LOUIS	.176	16	17	2	3	0	1	4	4	0
	Skip Schumaker	L-R	5-10	195	2/3/80	Memphis (AAA)	.214	112	398	48	85	3	47	36	81	2
						ST. LOUIS	.283	117	367	34	104	2	38	27	50	0
						ST. LOUIS	.301	145	488	90	147	31	94	92	93	2
						ST. LOUIS	.067	7	15	0	1	0	0	4	4	0
						Memphis (AAA)	.300	130	434	61	130	12	70	84	68	5
33	Daniel Descalso	L-R	5-10	190	10/19/86	ST. LOUIS	.264	148	326	35	86	1	28	33	65	2
23	David Freese	R-R	6-2	220	4/28/83	ST. LOUIS	.297	97	333	41	99	10	55	24	75	1
	Rafael Furcal	S-R	5-8	190	10/24/77	Memphis (AAA)	.231	4	13	1	3	0	1	1	3	0
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27	Tyler Greene	R-R	6-2	190	8/17/83	ST. LOUIS	.212	58	104	22	22	1	11	13	31	11
	Mark Hamilton	L-L	6-4	220	7/29/84	Memphis (AAA)	.323	66	254	53	82	14	43	37	75	19
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No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Carlos Beltran	S-R	6-1	215	4/24/77	SAN FRANCISCO	.323	44	167	17	54	7	18	11	27	1
	Adron Chambers	L-L	5-10	185	10/8/86	NEW YORK NL	.289	98	353	61	102	15	66	60	61	3
						ST. LOUIS	.375	18	8	2	3	0	4	0	1	0
						Memphis (AAA)	.277	128	426	73	118	10	44	53	90	22
						ST. LOUIS	.315	75	200	33	63	11	40	15	40	5
						Memphis (AAA)	.286	10	35	9	10	1	5	3	3	0
1	Allen Craig	R-R	6-2	210	7/18/84	Springfield (AA)	.000	2	6	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
	Matt Holliday	R-R	6-4	235	1/15/80	ST. LOUIS	.296	124	446	83	132	22	75	60	93	2
						ST. LOUIS	.297	159	455	56	135	10	37	28	81	6
						Huntsville (AA)	.294	93	320	48	94	6	40	53	44	13
						Harrisburg (AA)	.234	31	128	12	30	1	8	11	22	8
						ST. LOUIS	.000	9	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
3	Shane Robinson	R-R	5-9	160	10/30/84	Memphis (AAA)	.299	43	167	35	50	4	23	19	16	9



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

**2012
PREDICTION**

2ND

NL WEST

**2011
RECORD
94-68**

HOME: 51-30 ROAD: 43-38

TEAM STADIUM

Chase Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

602-514-8400 49,033

TEAM WEBSITE

arizona.diamondbacks.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 90 1st

2008 82 2nd

2009 70 5th

2010 65 5th

2011 94 1st

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ OF Justin Upton

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Ian Kennedy

BUY LOW ♦ 1B Paul Goldschmidt

SELL HIGH ♦ SP Josh Collmenter



MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ SS Stephen Drew

IPO ♦ SP Wade Miley

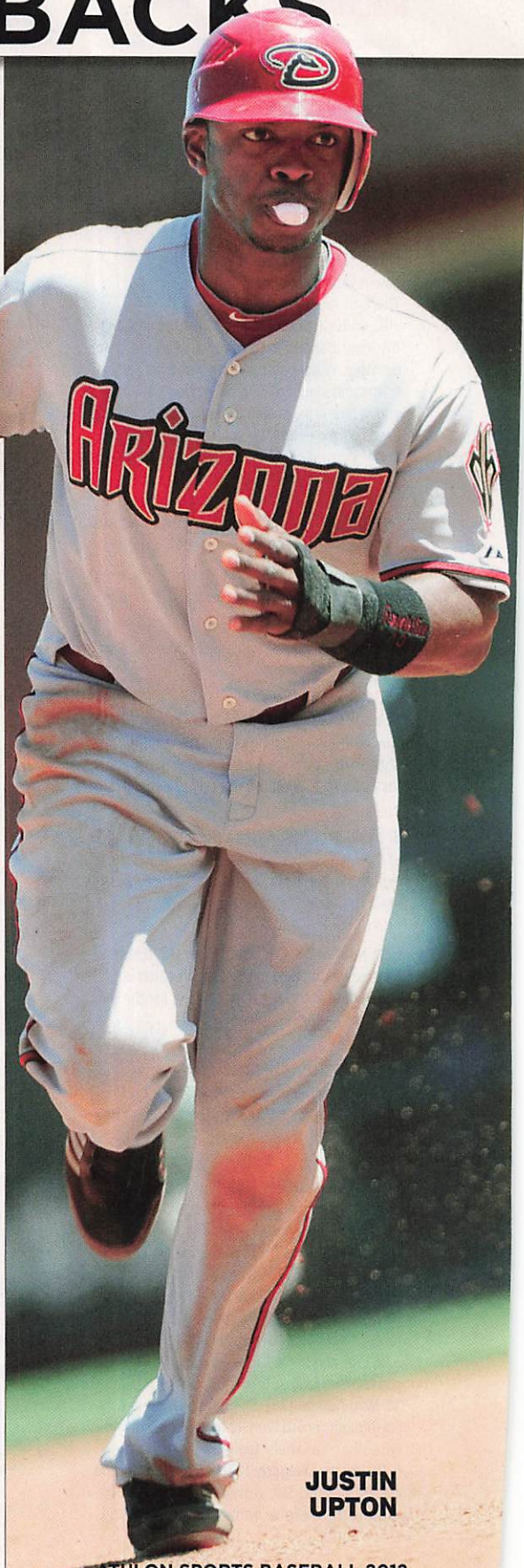
FUTURES MARKET ♦ SP Trevor Bauer

INSIDER TIP ♦ The staff includes three pitchers (Kennedy, Collmenter and Daniel Hudson) whose stats will back off from last year's, but Trevor Cahill's will improve.

The Diamondbacks are in it to win it, again, although they will no longer be able to sneak up on the NL West after their stunning worst-to-first run to the division title in 2011. General manager Kevin Towers made several key offseason moves, trading for quality starter Trevor Cahill and signing free agent outfielder Jason Kubel to a team that returns virtually all of the other elements that produced a 29-game improvement from the previous year. The D-backs must be considered a top contender to repeat.

ROTATION The D-backs benefited from career years from the top four in their starting rotation last year, and there is no reason to believe that after a slight remake they cannot put up a reasonable facsimile this time around. Ian Kennedy, Daniel Hudson, Joe Saunders, Josh Collmenter and newcomer Cahill fit Towers' M.O. — they throw strikes and are not afraid to use their defense. Kennedy, who was one of three 20-games winners in the majors last season at 21-4, finished fourth in the NL Cy Young Award voting, and discerning voters could have moved him up a notch considering that he pitches in one of the most hitter-friendly parks in the majors. Hudson, acquired in a 2010 trading deadline deal from the Chicago White Sox, won 16 games in his first full season in a major league rotation and finished eighth in the league in fewest walks per nine innings. Cahill, acquired from Oakland for prospects Jarrod Parker, Collin Cowgill and Ryan Cook, has won 40 games in his three major league seasons, and he is only nine months older than Parker. Cahill won 18 games in 2010 before falling to 12 last season, which he believed was a direct result of getting away from a curveball that he plans to throw more often this year. Saunders was resigned to a one-year deal in January. He went 12-13 with a 3.69 ERA and tied a career-high with 33 starts in 2011. Collmenter, a funky righthander whose ultra-overhand delivery is a result of throwing hatchets as a youngster in the woods of Michigan, won 10 games despite not entering the rotation until May 14. Collmenter commands an 87 mph fastball and a 78 mph change with devastating effectiveness.

BULLPEN Everything Towers has touched recently has turned to gold, and the retooled bullpen is the prime example. Closer J.J. Putz had a career-high 45 saves after signing a two-year, \$10 million free agent deal in the winter of 2010. He proved to be a steal, and his numbers might have been even better had he not missed a month with right shoulder tendinitis. When Putz, a sinker-changeup guy, was out, set-up man David Hernandez filled in seamlessly, converting all seven of his save opportunities during that stretch. He and Putz were the principal reasons the D-backs' bullpen ERA dropped more than two runs from 2010 to 2011. Towers did not stand pat, signing free agent Takashi Saito and acquiring lefthander Craig Breslow in the Cahill deal. Saito missed half of 2011 with a variety of ailments but was his normal effective self when he got on the mound, although he is more of an



**JUSTIN
UPTON**

DIFFERENCE MAKER **TREVOR CAHILL**

Cahill was one of the better pitchers in baseball in 2010 before declining last season. What will he bring to a new team and a new league this year? Cahill was 18–8 with a 2.97 ERA and a 1.11 WHIP in 2010, when he made the All-Star team and was ninth in the AL Cy Young voting, before falling to 12–14, 4.16 in 2011. His best pitch is a sinking fastball, which should make for a good fit at Chase Field.

every-other-day pitcher at age 42. Breslow gives the D-backs a second left-hander to pair with specialist Joe Paterson, who set a franchise record with 19 consecutive scoreless appearances to start the season last year. Breslow is considered a one- or even two-inning guy. Sidearm Brad Ziegler will begin his first full season with the D-backs after coming over at the trade deadline. Righthander Bryan Shaw, one of seven D-backs who made the jump from Double-A Mobile to the major leagues last season, enters spring training expected to contribute in the seventh after a strong finish.

MIDDLE INFIELD Shortstop Stephen Drew suffered a fractured right ankle when his spikes caught in the dirt around home plate against Milwaukee on July 20, and his status is uncertain heading into the spring. Drew is a quiet, consistent player who contributes on both sides of the ball, and he has averaged 15 homers and 63 RBIs in his four full seasons. Second baseman Aaron Hill will begin his first full season with the D-backs after making a big splash following his acquisition from Toronto last August. Hill improved the D-backs' middle infield defense, and his bat was a plus. He may not be a 36-homer guy any longer, but his line drive bat plays well at Chase Field.

CORNERS Paul Goldschmidt will take over first base full time after continuing his power ascent with a strong two months following his promotion from Double-A Mobile last Aug. 1. Including the playoffs, Goldschmidt hit a combined 40 homers last year. But unlike many power hitters, he's not pull-happy, and his triple that clinched the NL West title last year came to right-center field. Third baseman Ryan Roberts put up a career year — 19 homers, 18 stolen bases — in his first full season in the majors after making the team when Geoff Blum suffered a knee injury in spring training last year.

OUTFIELD Justin Upton looks to build on his breakout season, and there is no reason to believe he cannot. With the help of hitting coach Don Baylor, Upton tweaked his batting approach on a day off in Houston late last May and took off afterward, finishing fourth in the NL MVP balloting. With a rare combination of power and speed, he set career highs in almost every offensive category in his first 30-homer, 20-stolen base season. He also grades out high in outfield range. Chris Young is another superior defender, especially valuable in spacious Chase Field, and has a franchise record three 20-20 seasons, reaching that level despite a thumb injury that he played through in the second half last year. Kubel, who signed a two-year, \$15 million free agent deal in the offseason, will add stability to what has been a revolving door in left field. His bat is his best asset, and his all-fields approach should work better at hitter-friendly Chase Field than at Minnesota's Target Field.

CATCHING Finally healthy, Miguel Montero put up a career year, both offensively and defensively. Montero settled into the cleanup spot midway through the season, and strong offensive numbers helped him to his first All-

STATISTICIAN

- 48 Comeback victories by the D-backs in 2011, the most in the major leagues and the most in franchise history.
- 40 Home runs by first baseman Paul Goldschmidt last year — 30 at Double-A Mobile and 10 with the D-backs (including postseason).
- 37.1 The percentage of potential base-stealers thrown out by D-backs' catchers, the best in the majors last season.
- 84–0 The D-backs' record when leading after eight innings in 2011, a major league best.
- 79–46 Team record after rookie righthander Josh Collmenter was inserted into the starting rotation on May 14.
- 12 Outfield assists by Gold Glove winner Gerardo Parra, tied for the most in the National League.

DIAMONDBACKS

BATTING ORDER

SS Stephen Drew (L)	Returns after injuries limited him to 86 games, a career-low since becoming a regular in 2007.
2B Aaron Hill (R)	Hit .315 with 12 doubles and 16 RBIs in 33 games after joining the D-backs in August.
RF Justin Upton (R)	A two-time All-Star who could be on the cusp of superstardom; turns 25 in August.
C Miguel Montero (L)	Led National League catchers with 36 doubles, 86 RBIs and .471 slugging percentage in 2011.
CF Chris Young (R)	Added a more discerning eye to his toolbox by drawing a career-high 80 walks last year.
LF Jason Kubel (L)	Averaged 19 home runs, 79 RBIs in last five seasons as an outfielder/DH in Minnesota.
1B Paul Goldschmidt (R)	Two of first three major league homers were against Cy Young winners Tim Lincecum and Cliff Lee.
3B Ryan Roberts (R)	The most unexpected surprise a year ago, when he set career highs in virtually all categories.

BENCH

OF Gerardo Parra (L)	Great arm, good range; should see time at all three outfield spots after 2011 Gold Glove year.
UT Willie Bloomquist (R)	Hit safely in 46 of 57 starts at shortstop; added 20 stolen bases, second-most in his career.
1B Lyle Overbay (L)	The only member of both the 2001 and 2011 D-backs' NL West division winners.
SS John McDonald (R)	Smooth glove man who gives the D-backs a third option at shortstop.
C Henry Blanco (R)	Has thrown out a remarkable 41.3 percent of potential base-stealers in his career.

ROTATION

RH Ian Kennedy	Went 10–0 against NL West, including 3–0 against both San Francisco and Los Angeles.
RH Daniel Hudson	Had 16 victories and won a Silver Slugger in his first full year in a major league rotation.
RH Trevor Cahill	Has 40 major league victories before reaching his 24th birthday, all with the Oakland A's.
LH Joe Saunders	Re-signed with the Diamondbacks in January; pitched over 200 innings, with a 1.31 WHIP, in 2011.
RH Josh Collmenter	Rookie season included three stretches of at least 13 consecutive scoreless innings.

BULLPEN

RH J.J. Putz (Closer)	Converted first 16 save opportunities, later had a run of 24 straight.
RH David Hernandez	Hard thrower held opponents to .193 batting average; lefties hit only .171.
RH Takashi Saito	Offseason selling point? He shut out the D-backs in three playoff appearances.
LH Craig Breslow	Has averaged 73 appearances in the last three seasons, almost all with Oakland.
RH Brad Ziegler	Held opponents scoreless in 19 of his 23 appearances after joining the D-backs.
LH Joe Paterson	Made 19 consecutive scoreless appearances in his first major league season.
RH Bryan Shaw	Conversion to the bullpen two years ago has paid dividends for the 2008 second-round pick.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The D-backs are about as set as it gets entering spring training. They expected to have some competition for the final spot in the rotation, but that won't happen — barring injury — now that Joe Saunders has re-signed. If the D-Backs do need to find another starter, lefty Wade Miley is an intriguing option because of his experience down the stretch last season. Other candidates include lefthanders Tyler Skaggs and Patrick Corbin and righthander Trevor Bauer. Rookie Josh Collmenter made the jump into the starting rotation last season, and Kevin Towers is never afraid to award production, so spring training could be the ultimate determinant.

STATLINE



2011 OPPONENTS AVG WITH RISP

1. Ian Kennedy, Diamondbacks **.130**
2. Jeremy Hellickson, Rays160
3. Ricky Romero, Blue Jays166
4. Jhoulys Chacin, Rockies168
5. Gio Gonzalez, A's178 (min. 162 IP)

DIAMONDBACKS SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	SF	SF
8	9	SD	SD	SD	COL	COL
15	PIT	PIT	PIT	ATL	ATL	ATL
22	PHI	PHI	PHI	MIA	MIA	MIA
29	MIA	MIA				

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		WAS	WAS	WAS	NYM	NYM
6	STL	STL	STL	SF	SF	SF
13	LAD	LAD	COL	COL	KC	KC
20	LAD	LAD	LAD	MIL	MIL	MIL
27	SF	SF	SF			

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					SD	SD
3	4	COL	COL	COL	OAK	OAK
10	11	TEX	TEX	TEX	LAA	LAA
17	18	SEA	SEA	SEA	CHC	CHC
24	25	ATL	ATL	ATL	MIL	MIL

JULY

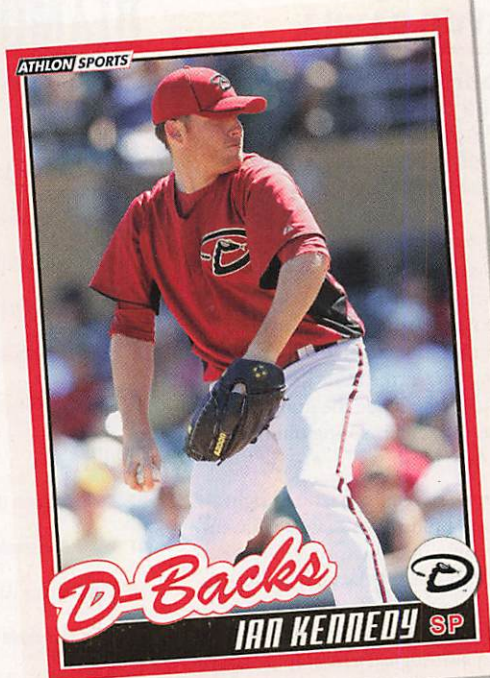
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Star Game. Somewhat overshadowed was a significant improvement in his mechanics behind the plate, especially in his footwork. Montero threw out 36.8 percent of the runners who attempted to steal on him, the best percentage in the majors last year.

BENCH Gerardo Parra, who won his first Gold Glove in left field last year, will be a handy fourth outfielder after the offseason acquisition of Kubel. Parra has the best outfield arm on the team, and the D-backs expect him to fill in at all three outfield spots. Willie Bloomquist is a reliable multi-tasker who can play the middle infield and every outfield position, and he was especially valuable filling in for Drew at shortstop last season. John McDonald is another veteran shortstop whose glove is his primary asset. Veteran catcher Henry Blanco had eight homers in 100 at-bats last season and proved to be a strong clubhouse presence, and he also is credited with helping Montero on the defensive

side. Veteran Lyle Overbay returns to mentor Goldschmidt and provide a left-handed bat when the D-backs want to load up against a righthander.

MANAGEMENT Managing partner Ken Kendrick and president/CEO Derrick Hall have put the right pieces in place. Towers added exactly the right pieces on the field and brought an immediate change to the clubhouse chemistry in his first full season. His best move was retaining manager Kirk Gibson, who spent the last half of 2010 as the interim manager. Gibson's all-baseball, all-the-time approach was a night-and-day change from the laissez-faire approach of the previous regime, and the 27-out mindset helped the D-backs record 48 come-from-behind victories. Gibson justly deserved his NL Manager of the Year award. Ownership has shown a willingness to spend money at the trade deadline, and Towers always seems to find a good fit.

FINAL ANALYSIS The D-backs are in a great position to defend their NL West title. They have no bad contracts, a youngish group of core position players and pitchers, and a minor league farm system that is deep in prospects, especially pitchers. Career years from a half-dozen players certainly played into their unexpected 2011 success, but with Gibson calling the shots you can be sure that there will be no complacency moving forward. This is a team with its best days still ahead.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

TRIBUTE Folk hero Ryan Roberts, also known as "Tatman" for his preponderance of body art (some self-applied), punctuated his game-winning grand slam that capped a six-run 10th inning in a 7-6 victory over Los Angeles on Sept. 27 by doing a fist-pump as he rounded the bases, mimicking manager Kirk Gibson's famous gesture after his game-winning home run in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series.

MAGIC NIGHT Willie Bloomquist treated young fan Abe Speck to a special night on June 15, homering in the third inning of a game against San Francisco. Through his foundation, Bloomquist invites a patient from Phoenix Children's Hospital to a game once a homestand. Before the game, Abe asked Bloomquist where players point when they hit home runs, and Bloomquist said he did not have enough homers to have a routine. "I have a feeling you will hit one tonight," Abe told Bloomquist. As Bloomquist touched the plate after his homer, he pointed to Abe in section 129. "He came home and said it was the best night of his life," said Abe's mother, Lisa.

WORST TO FIRST The D-backs were the first team in history to go from last place in a division in April to first place in a division in May when they overcame a 6.5-game deficit to catch San Francisco in the final three days of May after winning 15 of their final 18 games that month.

WELCOME BACK Sean Burroughs made a dramatic return to the game after being out for more than four years when he was promoted to the D-backs from Class AAA Reno in May. Burroughs, general manager Kevin Towers' first-round draft pick in San Diego in 1998, made his biggest impact with a two-run home run in a 2-0 victory over Washington on Aug. 23. It was his first homer since April 30, 2005.

DIFFERENCE MAKER Gibson was the first manager in major league history to lead his team to the playoffs in his first full season as manager after the team finished in last place the previous year. Gibson replaced A.J. Hinch as manager on July 1, 2010. The D-backs finished 65-97.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK TREVOR BAUER

Bauer might be the most unconventional pitching prospect since, well, ever. Not physically imposing at 6'1", Bauer found a role model in Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum and developed a pregame regimen that includes such non-traditional methods as foul-pole-to-foul-pole long toss and agility drills with a flexible pole. He throws six pitches, one he calls a reverse slider, and with that repertoire was 13-2 with a 1.25 ERA as UCLA's No. 2 starter behind Gerrit Cole, the first player taken in the 2011 draft. Bauer broke Mark Prior's Pac-10 record with 203 strikeouts and threw nine consecutive complete games to end the season. He has studied such concepts as biomechanics and pitch tunneling, and his delivery, like Lincecum's, comes with maximum torque.



2010 TOP PICK

J.R. Bradley, RHP, Nitro (W.Va.) HS Taken 56th overall (the D-backs didn't sign first-round pick Barret Loux), Bradley went 6-16 with a 4.58 ERA at Class A South Bend.

2009 TOP PICK

Bobby Borchering, 3B, Bishop Verot (Fla.) HS Moved to left field in the Instructional League after hitting .267 with 24 homers at High-A Visalia in 2011.

2008 TOP PICK

Daniel Schlereth, LHP, Arizona Has spent parts of the last three seasons in the majors after being traded with Max Scherzer to Detroit before the 2010 season.

2007 TOP PICK

Jarrod Parker, RHP, Norwell (Ind.) HS Parker threw 5.2 scoreless innings in his only major league start last year before being traded to Oakland in the Cahill deal.

2006 TOP PICK

Max Scherzer, RHP, Missouri Has won 27 games in two seasons with Detroit after going with Schlereth in a three-way deal that brought Ian Kennedy and Edwin Jackson to Arizona.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

LHP Tyler Skaggs (20) The prize acquisition in the 2010 trade deadline deal for Dan Haren, Skaggs is on the fast track.

OF A.J. Pollock (24) After missing 2010 with a fractured elbow, set a Double-A Mobile record with 169 hits and 41 doubles. He's close.

3B Matt Davidson (21) A sandwich pick in 2009, Davidson has a bat that can play at the corner — 39 doubles, 20 homers, 106 RBIs at Class A Visalia. A year or so away.

RHP Archie Bradley (19) Hit 98 mph while pitching on his 18th birthday in 2010. His ceiling appears unlimited.

SS Chris Owings (20) Has good defensive actions and solid gap power. Next step, Double-A Mobile.

DIAMONDBACKS ROSTER

General Manager: Kevin Towers **Manager:** Kirk Gibson **Coaches:** Don Baylor (hitting), Charles Nagy (pitching), Glenn Sherlock (bullpen), Alan Trammell (bench), Matt Williams (third base), Eric Young (first base), Wilson Valera



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO
63	Jonathon Albaladejo	R-R	6-5	255	10/30/82	Yomiuri (Japan)	2-2	2.45	46	0	2	51.1	43	19	44
61	Trevor Bauer	R-R	6-1	175	1/17/91	Mobile (AA)	1-1	7.56	4	4	0	16.2	20	8	26
						Visalia (A)	0-1	3.00	3	3	0	9.0	7	4	17
32	Craig Breslow	L-L	6-1	181	8/8/80	OAKLAND	0-2	3.79	67	0	0	59.1	69	21	44
35	Trevor Cahill	R-R	6-4	222	3/9/88	OAKLAND	12-14	4.16	34	34	0	207.2	214	82	147
55	Josh Collmenter	R-R	6-2	234	2/7/86	ARIZONA	10-10	3.38	31	24	0	154.1	137	28	100
						Reno (AAA)	1-0	1.50	1	1	0	6.0	2	2	7
	Patrick Corbin	L-L	6-3	165	7/19/89	Mobile (AA)	9-8	4.21	26	26	0	160.1	172	40	142
38	Sam Demel	R-R	6-0	205	10/23/85	ARIZONA	0-2	5.06	11	0	1	10.2	11	5	9
						Reno (AAA)	0-2	5.06	11	0	1	10.2	11	5	9
54	Barry Enright	R-R	6-3	220	3/30/86	ARIZONA	1-4	7.41	7	7	0	37.2	50	15	21
						Reno (AAA)	9-5	5.21	21	21	0	122.2	127	42	86
30	David Hernandez	R-R	6-3	230	5/13/85	ARIZONA	5-3	3.38	74	0	11	69.1	49	30	77
41	Daniel Hudson	R-R	6-3	225	3/9/87	ARIZONA	16-12	3.49	33	33	0	222.0	217	50	169
31	Ian Kennedy	R-R	6-0	190	12/19/84	ARIZONA	21-4	2.88	33	33	0	222.0	186	55	198
43	Zach Kroenke	R-L	6-2	204	4/21/84	ARIZONA	0-1	9.00	4	0	0	4.0	6	1	3
						Reno (AAA)	10-3	5.89	23	23	0	128.1	173	50	73
57	Brett Lorin	L-R	6-7	245	3/31/87	Bradenton (A)	7-6	2.84	25	17	1	117.1	103	19	99
34	Joe Martinez	L-R	6-2	190	2/26/83	Columbus (AAA)	8-9	4.04	35	16	0	118.0	136	29	101
36	Wade Miley	L-L	6-0	218	11/13/86	ARIZONA	4-2	4.50	8	7	0	40.0	48	18	25
						Reno (AAA)	4-1	3.64	8	8	0	54.1	53	16	56
						Mobile (AA)	4-2	4.78	14	14	0	75.1	74	28	46
56	Yonata Ortega	R-R	6-1	220	11/11/86	Mobile (AA)	1-0	2.55	14	0	1	17.2	7	11	18
						Visalia (A)	3-1	4.81	34	0	9	39.1	37	21	58
47	Joe Paterson	R-L	6-1	210	5/19/86	ARIZONA	0-3	2.91	62	0	1	34.0	28	15	28
40	J.J. Putz	R-R	6-5	250	2/22/77	ARIZONA	2-2	2.17	60	0	45	58.0	41	12	61
						AZL D-backs (R)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	2.0	1	0	0
						Reno (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.0	1	0	3
48	Takashi Saito	L-R	6-2	200	2/14/70	MILWAUKEE	4-2	2.03	30	0	0	26.2	21	9	23
						Nashville (AAA)	0-0	0.00	6	0	0	5.2	3	0	7
34	Joe Saunders	L-L	6-3	210	6/16/81	ARIZONA	12-13	3.69	33	33	0	212.0	210	67	108
39	Bryan Shaw	S-R	6-1	210	11/8/87	ARIZONA	1-0	2.54	33	0	0	28.1	30	8	24
						Reno (AAA)	1-0	4.58	16	0	9	17.2	14	4	15
						Mobile (AA)	3-1	0.87	15	0	7	20.2	15	8	15
	Tyler Skaggs	L-L	6-4	195	7/13/91	Mobile (AA)	4-1	2.50	10	10	0	57.2	45	15	73
						Visalia (A)	5-5	3.22	17	17	0	100.2	81	34	125
49	Mike Zagurski	L-L	6-0	221	1/27/83	PHILADELPHIA	0-0	5.40	4	0	0	3.1	4	3	4
						Lehigh Valley (AAA)	4-0	2.65	46	0	11	54.1	43	27	63
29	Brad Ziegler	R-R	6-4	212	10/10/79	ARIZONA	0-0	1.74	23	0	0	20.2	15	6	15
						OAKLAND	3-2	2.39	43	0	1	37.2	38	13	29

No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
12	Henry Blanco	R-R	5-11	220	8/29/71	ARIZONA	.250	37	100	12	25	8	12	12	21	0
26	Miguel Montero	L-R	5-11	213	7/9/83	ARIZONA	.282	140	493	65	139	18	86	47	97	1
33	Konrad Schmidt	R-R	5-10	227	8/2/84	Reno (AAA)	.280	92	346	47	97	9	45	21	66	1

No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
18	Willie Bloomquist	R-R	5-11	185	11/27/77	ARIZONA	.266	97	350	44	93	4	26	23	51	20
27	Geoff Blum	S-R	6-3	221	4/26/73	ARIZONA	.224	23	49	8	11	2	10	5	9	0
						Reno (AAA)	.429	4	14	2	6	0	1	2	0	0
						Visalia (A)	.600	2	5	1	3	1	2	0	0	0
						AZL D-backs (R)	.333	5	15	1	5	0	1	1	1	0

6	Stephen Drew	L-R	6-0	190	3/16/83	ARIZONA	.252	86	321	44	81	5	45	30	74	4
44	Paul Goldschmidt	R-R	6-3	244	9/10/87	ARIZONA	.250	48	156	28	39	8	26	20	53	4
						Mobile (AA)	.306	103	366	84	112	30	94	82	92	9

2	Aaron Hill	R-R	5-11	205	3/21/82	ARIZONA	.315	33	124	23	39	2	16	12	19	5
						TORONTO	.225	104	396	38	89	6	45	23	53	16
						Dunedin (A)	.167	2	6	2	1	0	1	1	1	0

16	John McDonald	R-R	5-9	181	9/24/74	ARIZONA	.169	19	59	2	10	0	2	4	9	0
						TORONTO	.250	65	168	19	42	2	20	8	18	2
						Dunedin (A)	.250	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

37	Lyle Overbay	L-L	6-2	235	1/28/77	ARIZONA	.286	18	42	3	12	1	10	6	11	1
						PITTSBURGH	.227	103	352	40	80	8	37	36	77	1
14	Ryan Roberts	R-R	5-11	186	9/19/80	ARIZONA	.249	143	482	86	120	19	65	66	98	18

No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
5	Cole Gillespie	R-R	6-1	197	6/20/84	ARIZONA	.333	5	6	2	2	1	4	1	1	0
						Reno (AAA)	.300	137	484	100	145	12	79	81	91	24

13	Jason Kubel	L-R	6-0	220	5/25/82	MINNESOTA	.273	99	366	37	100	12	58	32	86	1
						Rochester (AAA)	.333	5	18	3	6	1	2	3	4	0
						Fort Myers (A)	.000	2	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0

8	Gerardo Parra	L-R	5-11	200	5/6/87	ARIZONA	.292	141	445	55	130	8	46	43	82	15
10	Justin Upton	R-R	6-2	204	8/25/87	ARIZONA	.289	159	592	105	171	31	88	59	126	21
17	David Winfree	R-R	6-3	230	8/5/85	Reno (AAA)	.321	39	134	27	43	9	37	15	22	8

24	Chris Young	R-R	6-2	192	9/5/83	ARIZONA	.236	156	567	89	134	20	71	80	139	22
						AZL D-backs (R)	.250	4	12	1	3	1	2	4	4	0



COLORADO ROCKIES

**2012
PREDICTION**

4TH

NL WEST

**2011
RECORD**
73-89

HOME: 38-43 ROAD: 35-46

TEAM STADIUM

Coors Field

TICKETS CAPACITY

303-ROCKIES 50,445

TEAM WEBSITE

colorado.rockies.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007 90 2nd

2008 74 3rd

2009 92 2nd

2010 83 3rd

2011 73 4th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ OF Carlos Gonzalez

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Jhoulys Chacin



BUY LOW ◇ OF Dexter Fowler

SELL HIGH ◇ Guillermo Moscoso

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ SP Jorge De La Rosa

IPO ◇ SP Drew Pomeranz

FUTURES MARKET ◇ C Wilin Rosario

INSIDER TIP ◇ The entire starting outfield is a "buy." Gonzalez will return to 2010 form, while Fowler and Michael Cuddyer are positioned for career years.

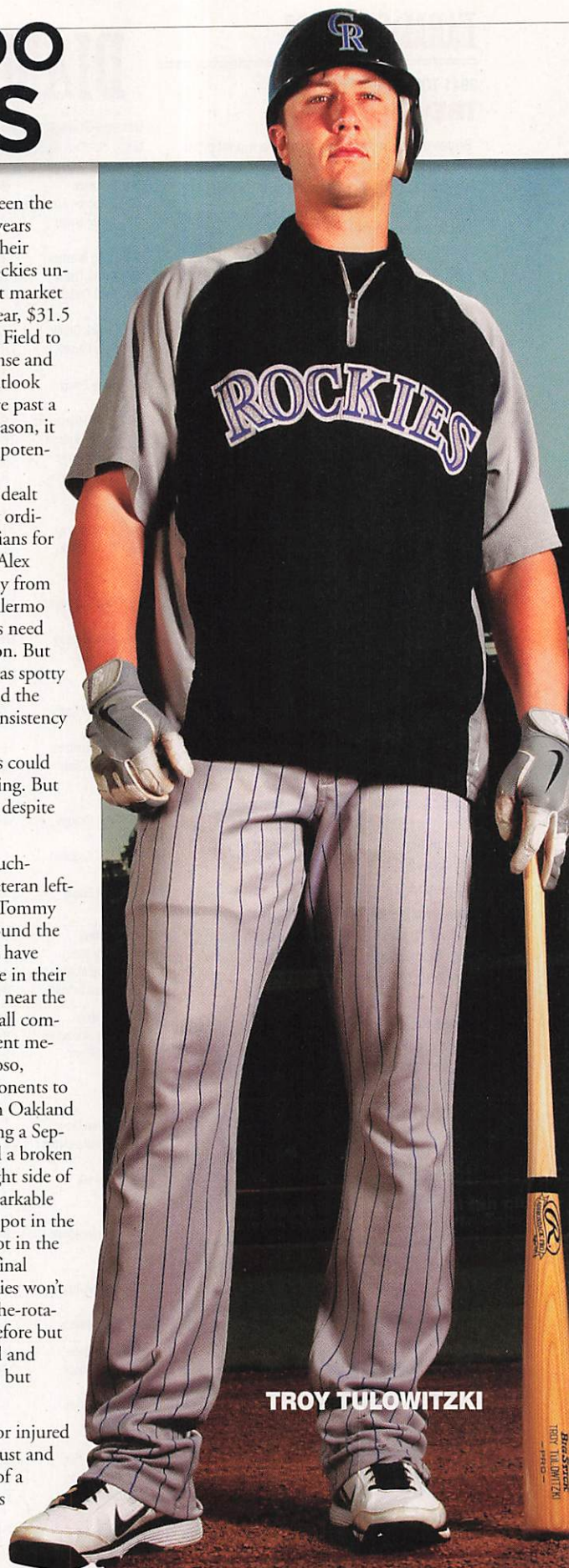
Press releases, not press conferences, have been the offseason norm for the Rockies in recent years when introducing new players. But after their hugely disappointing 2011 season, the Rockies uncharacteristically splurged in the free agent market by signing right fielder Michael Cuddyer to a three-year, \$31.5 million contract and held a press conference at Coors Field to celebrate his arrival. Cuddyer will strengthen the offense and bring some veteran accountability and a team-first outlook that the clubhouse could use to help the Rockies move past a dismal 2011. But if the Rockies are to contend this season, it will be because their starting pitching moved beyond potential to genuine production.

Last year at the trade deadline, GM Dan O'Dowd dealt Ubaldo Jimenez, the Rockies' erstwhile ace but a very ordinary pitcher since the 2010 All-Star break, to the Indians for four players, including pitchers Drew Pomeranz and Alex White. Offseason deals brought pitchers Kevin Slowey from the Twins, Tyler Chatwood from the Angels and Guillermo Moscoso and Josh Outman from the A's. The Rockies need at least one of these pitchers to step forward this season. But they also need Jhoulys Chacin, whose performance was spotty over the final three-and-a-half months last year, to find the fastball command that was elusive and led to his inconsistency after a brilliant start.

If the starting pitching comes together, the Rockies could contend in a division that is by no means overwhelming. But if it doesn't, the Rockies won't be playing in October, despite the contributions of Cuddyer on and off the field.

ROTATION The rotation will get a boost and a much-needed veteran stabilizer, but not until midseason. Veteran left-hander Jorge De La Rosa, who underwent Tommy John surgery in June 2010, is due back around the All-Star break, maybe sooner. The Rockies have plenty of promise but not much experience in their rotation. Chacin, 24, has the stuff to pitch near the front of the rotation but needs better fastball command, which can come with more consistent mechanics, to reach his lofty potential. Moscoso, acquired from the A's in January, held opponents to a .212 average in 23 games (21 starts) with Oakland last season. Pomeranz was impressive during a September call-up. Juan Nicasio, who suffered a broken neck on Aug. 5 when he was hit on the right side of the head with a line drive, has made a remarkable recovery and is expected to contend for a spot in the Opening Day rotation. After losing his spot in the rotation, Jason Hammel pitched well the final month, including two starts, but the Rockies won't count on him to be more than a back-of-the-rotation starter, since he has shown promise before but never delivered. White, Slowey, Chatwood and Esmil Rogers will contend for the rotation but could end up in the bullpen.

BULLPEN Rafael Betancourt filled in for injured closer Huston Street for two weeks in August and supplanted Street with what became part of a dominant second-half stretch. The Rockies are confident Betancourt can close, something he has never done to enter a sea-



TROY TULOWITZKI

DIFFERENCE MAKER MICHAEL CUDDYER

The Rockies signed Cuddyer to a three-year, \$31.5 million contract, the most they have given a free agent since the ill-fated signings of pitchers Mike Hampton and Denny Neagle after the 2000 season. Cuddyer, who will play right field, brings a potent right-handed bat, leadership skills and a team-first attitude, all of which the Rockies need. He turns 33 in March, but the Rockies are convinced he has plenty of mileage left. Cuddyer will give the offense a lift and, in particular, thrive at Coors Field due to his ability to drive the ball into the alleys.

son, and freed up \$7 million by trading Street to the Padres for a minor leaguer. The bullpen was a strength last year and should be again — assuming Betancourt continues to close effectively — with lefthander Rex Brothers along with Matt Belisle and Matt Lindstrom available for late-inning work. Outman, part of the Moscoso deal, was terrific against left-handed batters last year with the A's. Middle relief candidates include White, Chatwood, Slowey and Rogers, assuming they don't win a rotation spot, and Edgmer Escalona.

MIDDLE INFIELD Shortstop Troy Tulowitzki is one of the best players in the game, a productive clean-up hitter and a Gold Glove winner. He's 27, so there's no reason to think he can't continue to be a force on both sides of the ball. It remains to be seen who will play second base. Barring an acquisition, the candidates include Chris Nelson, newcomer DJ LeMahieu and Jonathan Herrera, or some combination of this group. The Rockies won't count on a lot of offense from any of these players.

CORNERS Age is a concern, since first baseman Todd Helton and third baseman Casey Blake are both 38. Helton had a nice comeback in 2011, and the Rockies will hope he can give them similar output this year. He doesn't hit a lot of homers anymore but hits his share of doubles, draws walks and makes pitchers work. Helton's defense remains superb. Back soreness idled him for most of September and is an ongoing concern. Blake was signed to keep third base warm until the arrival Nolan Arenado, one of the organization's top prospects. Arenado played High-A ball last year and will have a chance to make the Rockies in spring training but seems destined to begin the season at Double-A and not arrive in the big leagues until August or September, if he gets there at all this season. Health is a concern with Blake, who played in only 63 games last year for the Dodgers.

OUTFIELD Left fielder Carlos Gonzalez and center fielder Dexter Fowler are very good defensive players, which can't be said for Cuddyer. But Cuddyer gives the Rockies an impact right-handed bat and veteran leadership. Upon his return from a one-month stay in the minors, Fowler was very productive after the All-Star break, and the Rockies are hopeful he can finally sustain that consistency over a full season as he enters his fourth season in the majors. Gonzalez had a decent season but not as robust as 2010 because of a slow start and a July 3 collision with a wall at Coors Field that resulted in a lingering right wrist issue. When healthy in 2010, Gonzalez was a five-tool threat and one of the best all-around players in the game.

CATCHING The Rockies signed free agent Ramon Hernandez to a two-year, \$6.4 million contract and traded Chris Iannetta to the Angels for Chatwood. Hernandez, who turns 36 in May, will help mentor prospect Wilin Rosario, who came up in September from Double-A but could open the sea-

STATISTICIAN

- 3.52 Career ERA for Jhoulys Chacin, the lowest in franchise history for a pitcher with at least 50 career starts for the Rockies.
- .389 Winning percentage by the Rockies against NL West opponents last season.
- .292 Average by left-handed hitters against lefty reliever Matt Reynolds.
- 17 Consecutive Sunday losses by the Rockies, a major league record.
- 1.98 ERA for Juan Nicasio in seven starts at Coors Field, where he went 4-1 and opponents batted .229. In six starts on the road, Nicasio went 0-3 with a 7.04 ERA and an opponents' batting average of .302.
- 38 Home wins for the Rockies, which is tied with the 2004 team for the fewest home wins in a full season.
- .245 Average for Dexter Fowler at Coors Field in 233 at-bats compared to his .286 average on the road in 248 at-bats.

ROCKIES

BATTING ORDER

CF Dexter Fowler (S)	Must reduce strikeout rate, which was one every 3.7 at-bats overall and one every 3.3 batting left-handed.
3B Casey Blake (R)	Hit at least 17 home runs for eight consecutive seasons before injuries limited him to four last year.
LF Carlos Gonzalez (L)	Set franchise record with an RBI in 11 straight games (and 21 total) from Aug. 15-27.
SS Troy Tulowitzki (R)	In 1,486 career plate appearances in second half of season, has .321 average, .944 OPS.
1B Todd Helton (L)	Last hit 20 homers in 2005; 14 last year were lowest total in a season with 400 at-bats.
RF Michael Cuddyer (R)	Hit 10 homers in 151 at-bats against left-handed pitchers and 10 against righthanders in 378 at-bats.
C Ramon Hernandez (R)	Threw out 37 percent of runners attempting to steal last year.
2B Chris Nelson (R)	Made 39 starts last year, including 23 at second base, 14 at third base and two at shortstop.

BENCH

1B Jason Giambi (L)	Ranks 42nd all-time with 428 homers, 39th all-time with 1,314 walks and 71st all-time with 1,397 RBIs.
UT Jordan Pacheco (R)	Second player in franchise history with a seven-game hitting streak in first 10 major league games.
C Wilin Nieves (R)	Has a chance to make team if Rockies want Wilin Rosario to start season in Triple-A.
INF Jonathan Herrera (S)	Two errors in 247 chances at second base, three errors overall at second, third and shortstop.
OF Tyler Colvin (L)	Acquired from Cubs with DJ LeMahieu for Ian Stewart and Casey Weathers.

ROTATION

RH Jhoulys Chacin	Led NL with 87 walks or average of 4.04 per nine innings, but limited opponents to .231 average.
RH Guillermo Moscoso	Good ratio of Ks (74), walks (38) and hits allowed (102) in 128 innings, but did yield 14 homers.
LH Drew Pomeranz	Went 1-0 with 1.69 ERA and held opponents to .176 average at Coors Field.
RH Juan Nicasio	Held righthanders to .205 average and two homers, but lefthanders hit .313 with six homers.
RH Jason Hammel	Went 3-1 with 2.63 ERA in first six starts and 4-12 with 6.44 ERA in next 19.

BULLPEN

RH Rafael Betancourt (Closer)	Held opponents to .203 average with eight walks, 73 strikeouts and 46 hits allowed in 62.1 innings.
LH Rex Brothers	Opponents hit .221 against him in 77 at-bats at Coors Field and .213 in 75 at-bats on the road.
RH Matt Belisle	Made 74 appearances following 76 in 2010 with total of 30 walks and 149 strikeouts in 164 innings.
RH Matt Lindstrom	Began season with 1.16 ERA in first 26 appearances; in final 37 games had 4.40 ERA.
LH Matt Reynolds	Lefthanders hit .292, and righthanders hit .217 against him.
RH Alex White	Needs to rush less in delivery so pitches sink, which wasn't the case last year.
LH Josh Outman	Left-handed hitters hit .217 and slugged .250 in 66 plate appearances against him in 2011.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

The Rockies have to sort out their rotation, where Jhoulys Chacin and Jason Hammel are locks and could be joined by Juan Nicasio, if he continues his remarkable recovery from a broken neck. Guillermo Moscoso and Drew Pomeranz will likely be in the rotation to start the season. The Rockies have to decide whether Alex White, Kevin Slowey, Tyler Chatwood or Esmer Rogers fit into the rotation, the bullpen or go to Triple-A. Second base is another area to be decided, with Chris Nelson, newcomer DJ LeMahieu, Jonathan Herrera and Eric Young Jr. vying for playing time.

STATLINE



CAREER FIELDING % BY A SHORTSTOP

1. Troy Tulowitzki	.987
2. Omar Vizquel	.985
3. Jimmy Rollins	.984
4. Mike Bordick	.982
5. Rey Sanchez	.981
(min. 500 games)	

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	HOU	HOU
8	SF		SF	SF	ARI	ARI
15	ARI	SD	SD	SD	MIL	MIL
22	MIL	PIT	PIT	PIT	NYM	NYM
29	NYM	LAD				

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	LAD	2	ATL	ATL
6	ATL	SD	SD	SD	LAD	LAD
13	LAD	SF	SF	ARI	ARI	SEA
20	SEA	MIA	MIA	MIA	CIN	CIN
27	CIN	HOU	HOU	HOU	HOU	

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					1	LAD
3	LAD	ARI	ARI	ARI	LAA	LAA
10	LAA		OAK	OAK	OAK	DET
17	DET		PHI	PHI	PHI	TEX
24	TEX	WAS	WAS	WAS	WAS	SD

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	SD	STL	STL	STL	WAS	WAS
8	WAS					12
15	PHI	PIT	PIT	PIT	SD	SD
22	SD	ARI	ARI	ARI	CIN	CIN
29	CIN					

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			1	STL	2	SF
5	SF	LAD	LAD	LAD	SF	SF
12	SF	MIL	MIL	MIL	MIA	MIA
19	MIA	NYM	NYM	NYM	CHC	CHC
26	CHC	LAD	LAD	LAD	SD	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1
2	SD	ATL	ATL	ATL	ATL	PHI
9	PHI	SF	SF	SF	SD	SD
16	SD	SF	SF	SF	ARI	ARI
23	ARI	ARI	CHC	CHC	CHC	LAD
30	LAD	ARI	ARI	ARI		



son at Triple-A. Hernandez is likely to hit for a better average with similar power to Iannetta but will walk less. If Rosario opens the season in the minors, the Rockies could use Wil Nieves, whom they signed to a minor league contract, as the back-up catcher until Rosario is ready. Jordan Pacheco, who can also play both corner infield positions and second base, should open the season with the Rockies and will provide catching depth.

BENCH Jason Giambi gives the Rockies a left-handed power-hitting threat off the bench, and he can spell Helton at first base. Newcomer Tyler Colvin and Charlie Blackmon, both left-handed hitters, along with switch-hitter Eric Young Jr. and right-handed hitting Jamie Hoffman will compete for the two reserve outfield spots. Jordan Pacheco figures to be on the bench because he can catch and play first, second and third base. Either Nelson or LeMahieu could end up at second base with the other providing depth as a reserve infielder.

MANAGEMENT Coming off a hugely disappointing season, O'Dowd had a busy offseason, trading Iannetta, Street, third baseman Ian Stewart, infielder Ty Wigginton, outfielder Seth Smith and signing free agents Hernandez and Cuddyer, whom the Rockies have been interested in since the middle of last season. One of O'Dowd's objectives was to change the mix in the clubhouse, but he realizes that newcomers can only have so much of an effect. "I don't think anybody we bring in from the outside is going to change our culture, our environment," he says. "Our players internally are going to have to make their mind up about what kind of clubhouse and what kind of environment and what kind of team they want to be part of day in and day out."

FINAL ANALYSIS The addition of Cuddyer will help an offense that already had Gonzalez and Tulowitzki, two of the better players in the game. If Fowler finally fulfills his potential — which he showed could be the case in the second half of 2011 — the offense has an element of speed and is that much more effective. But ultimately, if the Rockies are going to contend, they are going to need some of their young starters to step forward and pitch effectively and hope De La Rosa can hit the ground running when he returns around midseason.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

COLORADO ROCKIES

LOST SEASON The Rockies went 73–89 last year. It was their worst record since 2005 (67–95) and worse than it appears. The Rockies began the season 11–2 and from there went 62–87 (.416).

SECOND-HALF SWOON On June 15, Jhoulys Chacin was 8–4 with a 2.81 ERA in 14 starts and had 34 walks and 81 strikeouts in 93 innings. In his final 17 starts, Chacin went 3–10 with a 4.37 ERA and 53 walks and 69 strikeouts in 101 innings.

DOUBLE THREAT Todd Helton has a career .971 OPS, which is second only to Albert Pujols (1.037) among active players. Helton has a .421 on-base percentage and a .550 slugging percentage. His 27 doubles last season gave Helton a career total of 554, putting him in a tie for 24th place all-time with Bobby Abreu. Last season, Helton passed eight Hall of Famers on the doubles list — Frank Robinson (528), Lou Gehrig (534), Al Simmons (539), Dave Winfield and Joe Medwick (540), Rogers Hornsby (541), Harry Heilmann (542) and Tony Gwynn (543).

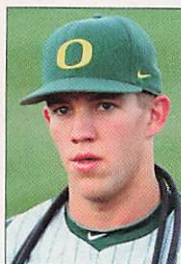
HONORING KILLER Michael Cuddyer will wear No. 3 with the Rockies as a tribute to Harmon Killebrew, the late Twins Hall of Famer who died May 17 of cancer at age 74. Cuddyer wore No. 5 with the Twins, for whom he played 11 seasons, and became very close to Killebrew, whose number was retired by the Twins in 1975. Cuddyer called Killebrew "one of the greatest human beings I've ever come in contact with," and said after signing a three-year, \$31.5 million contract with the Rockies, one of the first things he did was scan the roster to see if No. 3 was available and then ask for it.

MATCHING THE MAN Jason Giambi hit 13 home runs last season, 12 of them coming in the 28 games he started. Giambi's first career three-homer game came May 19 at Philadelphia. At 40 years, 131 days, Giambi was the second-oldest player in major league history to hit three homers in a game. Stan Musial was 41 when he hit three homers on July 8, 1962.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK TYLER ANDERSON

With the 20th overall pick, the Rockies drafted Anderson, a left-handed pitcher out of the University of Oregon, and signed him for \$1.4 million at the Aug. 15 deadline. That was too late to pitch in the minors. He went to instructional league but threw just one bullpen session before getting shut down with pelvic soreness. Anderson isn't overpowering but could move fast in the minors because he has good command and a varied repertoire. His changeup is his best pitch. His fastball ranges from 89-93 mph, and he throws a slider that at this point is ahead of his curveball. Anderson throws strikes and has deception in his delivery. He'll likely start his career at Low-A Asheville, and if all goes well he might need just two years in the minors.



2010 TOP PICK

Kyle Parker, OF, Clemson Former college quarterback began his baseball career with 21 HRs and 95 RBIs in 117 games in Low-A but must make better contact.

2009 TOP PICK

Tyler Matzek, LHP, Capistrano Valley (Calif.) HS Demoted from High-A to Low-A during a trying season that included a three-week break to work with his youth baseball coach; finished with combined 6.22 ERA and 96 BB in 97 IP.

2008 TOP PICK

Christian Friedrich, LHP, Eastern Kentucky Spent a second straight season at Double-A and never pitched well enough to get promoted to Triple-A, where he should begin 2012.

2007 TOP PICK

Casey Weathers, RHP, Vanderbilt Hard-throwing reliever struggled to throw strikes and was traded to the Cubs in the offseason along with third baseman Ian Stewart.

2006 TOP PICK

Greg Reynolds, RHP, Stanford Rockies took him off 40-man roster after last season. After multiple injuries, he has become a finesse pitcher best suited for long relief.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

3B Nolan Arenado (20) Does everything well but run. Will likely begin season at Double-A.

RHP Chad Bettis (22) Has plus command and two good pitches in mid-90s fastball and sharp slider that are ahead of curve and changeup.

C Wilin Rosario (23) Showed power and arm strength in September call-up from Double-A, but hitting breaking pitches and receiving skills must improve.

INF Trevor Story (19) For a young player, has unusual presence. Has very good arm, developing power and ability to make contact.

OF Tim Wheeler (24) Should start year at Triple-A after hitting well at Double-A with plus power, but he struck out too much and struggled against lefthanders.

ROCKIES ROSTER

General Manager: Dan O'Dowd **Manager:** Jim Tracy **Coaches:** Bob Apodaca (pitching), Rich Dauer (third base), Glenallen Hill (first base), Carney Lansford (batting), Tom Runnels (bench), Jim Wright (bullpen)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
34	Matt Beisle	R-R	6-4	225	6/6/80	COLORADO	10-4	3.25	74	0	0	72	77	14	58	
63	Rafael Betancourt	R-R	6-2	215	4/29/75	COLORADO	2-0	2.89	68	0	8	62.1	46	8	73	
49	Rex Brothers	L-L	6-0	205	12/18/87	COLORADO	1-2	2.88	48	0	1	40.2	33	20	59	
	Edwar Cabrera	L-L	6-0	160	10/20/87	Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	3-2	2.89	25	0	0	28	29	15	45	
						Asheville (A)	4-2	3.14	13	13	0	86	77	18	110	
						Modesto (A)	4-1	3.56	13	13	0	81	78	23	107	
45	Jhoulys Chacin	R-R	6-3	215	1/7/88	COLORADO	11-14	3.62	31	31	0	194	168	87	150	
	Tyler Chatwood	R-R	6-0	185	12/16/89	LOS ANGELES AL	6-11	4.75	27	25	0	142	166	71	74	
						Salt Lake (AAA)	1-2	5.06	4	4	0	16	21	11	11	
29	Jorge De La Rosa	L-L	6-1	215	4/5/81	COLORADO	5-2	3.51	10	10	0	59	48	22	52	
61	Edgmer Escalona	R-R	6-4	215	10/6/86	COLORADO	0-0	1.75	14	0	0	25.2	17	7	14	
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	3-1	3.18	34	0	1	39.2	35	11	40	
	Christian Friedrich	R-L	6-4	215	7/8/87	Tulsa (AA)	6-10	5.00	25	25	0	133.1	156	43	103	
46	Jason Hammel	R-R	6-6	215	9/2/82	COLORADO	7-13	4.76	32	27	1	170.1	175	68	94	
27	Matt Lindstrom	R-R	6-3	220	2/11/80	COLORADO	2-2	3.00	63	0	2	54	52	14	36	
59	Clayton Mortensen	R-R	6-4	185	4/10/85	COLORADO	2-4	3.86	16	6	0	58.1	55	24	30	
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	2-8	9.42	15	15	0	64	104	29	54	
52	Guillermo Moscoso	R-R	6-1	200	11/14/83	OAKLAND	8-10	3.38	23	21	0	128.0	102	38	74	
						Sacramento (AAA)	3-3	3.88	9	8	0	46.1	41	16	52	
44	Juan Nicasio	R-R	6-3	200	8/31/86	COLORADO	4-4	4.14	13	13	0	71.2	73	18	58	
						Tulsa (AA)	5-1	2.22	9	9	0	56.2	48	10	63	
88	Josh Outman	L-L	6-1	185	9/14/84	OAKLAND	3-5	3.70	13	9	0	58.1	62	23	35	
						Sacramento (AAA)	8-3	3.91	17	17	0	78.1	77	47	72	
47	Drew Pomeranz	R-L	6-5	230	11/22/88	COLORADO	2-1	5.40	4	4	0	18.1	19	5	13	
						Tulsa (AA)	1-0	0.00	2	2	0	10	2	0	7	
						Akron (AA)	0-1	2.57	3	3	0	14	10	6	17	
						Kinston (A)	3-2	1.87	15	15	0	77	56	32	95	
51	Matt Reynolds	L-L	6-5	240	10/2/84	COLORADO	1-2	4.09	73	0	0	50.2	48	18	50	
56	Josh Roenicke	R-R	6-3	200	8/4/82	COLORADO	0-0	3.78	19	0	0	16.2	14	7	12	
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	0-1	3.52	23	0	0	30.2	30	7	22	
						Las Vegas (AAA)	1-3	6.04	16	0	0	22.1	25	15	20	
48	Esmil Rogers	R-R	6-1	190	8/14/85	COLORADO	6-6	7.05	18	13	0	83	110	47	63	
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	1-2	6.26	5	5	0	23	36	5	15	
						Tulsa (AA)	0-1	2.25	1	1	0	4	5	1	2	
	Kevin Slowey	R-R	6-3	205	5/4/84	MINNESOTA	0-8	6.67	14	8	0	59.1	78	5	34	
						Rochester (AAA)	1-2	3.55	7	7	0	38	44	5	29	
						Fort Myers (A)	0-1	3.75	4	4	0	12	9	1	9	
43	Alex White	R-R	6-3	215	8/29/88	COLORADO	2-4	8.42	7	7	0	36.1	48	16	24	
						Tulsa (AA)	1-1	1.65	4	4	0	16.1	10	1	10	
						CLEVELAND	1-0	3.60	3	3	0	15	14	9	13	
						Columbus (AAA)	1-0	1.90	4	4	0	23.2	19	5	28	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
55	Eliezer Alfonzo	R-R	5-11	220	2/7/79	COLORADO	.267	25	75	2	20	1	9	3	13	0
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.319	31	101	94	21	12	37	2	16	2
	Ramon Hernandez	R-R	6-0	220	5/20/76	CINCINNATI	.282	91	298	28	84	12	36	23	41	0
	Wil Nieves	R-R	5-11	190	9/25/77	MILWAUKEE	.140	20	50	2	7	0	0	2	12	0
						Nashville (AAA)	.170	23	88	3	15	1	6	4	11	0
						Gwinnett (AAA)	.282	21	71	8	20	1	6	6	11	1
58	Jordan Pacheco	R-R	6-1	190	1/30/86	COLORADO	.286	21	84	5	24	2	14	3	9	0
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.278	97	363	57	101	3	50	30	48	2
12	Wilin Rosario	R-R	5-11	200	2/23/89	COLORADO	.204	16	54	6	11	3	8	2	20	0
						Tulsa (AA)	.249	102	405	52	101	21	48	19	91	1
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Nolan Arenado	R-R	6-1	205	4/16/91	Modesto (A)	.298	134	517	82	154	20	122	47	53	2
	Casey Blake	R-R	6-2	205	8/23/73	LOS ANGELES NL	.252	63	202	32	51	4	26	26	50	1
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.143	4	14	1	2	0	0	2	8	0
						R. Cucamonga (A)	.375	2	8	2	3	0	1	0	2	0
6	Tommy Field	R-R	5-9	175	2/22/87	COLORADO	.271	16	48	4	13	0	3	3	14	0
						Tulsa (AA)	.271	134	472	77	128	17	61	53	108	9
23	Jason Giambi	L-R	6-3	240	1/8/71	COLORADO	.260	64	131	20	34	13	32	17	45	0
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.429	3	7	2	3	0	3	0	2	0
22	Hector Gomez	R-R	6-2	180	3/5/88	COLORADO	.333	2	6	1	2	0	0	1	2	0
						Tulsa (AA)	.235	102	425	46	100	14	50	19	94	16
17	Todd Helton	L-L	6-2	215	8/20/73	COLORADO	.302	124	421	59	127	14	69	59	71	0
18	Jonathan Herrera	S-R	5-9	150	11/3/84	COLORADO	.242	104	281	28	68	3	14	28	40	4
	DJ LeMahieu	R-R	6-4	205	7/13/88	CHICAGO NL	.250	37	60	3	15	0	4	1	12	0
						Iowa (AAA)	.286	58	227	23	65	3	23	14	27	5
						Tennessee (AA)	.358	50	187	32	67	2	27	11	22	4
10	Chris Nelson	R-R	5-11	175	9/3/85	COLORADO	.250	63	180	20	45	4	16	7	35	3
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.329	73	289	52	95	11	65	17	48	3
2	Troy Tulowitzki	R-R	6-3	215	10/10/84	COLORADO	.302	143	537	81	162	30	105	59	79	9
1	Eric Young Jr.	S-R	5-10	180	5/25/85	COLORADO	.247	77	198	34	49	0	10	26	38	27
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.363	58	223	61	81	2	28	39	36	17
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
8	Charlie Blackmon	L-L	6-3	200	7/1/86	COLORADO	.255	27	98	9	25	1	8	3	8	5
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.337	58	243	49	82	10	49	19	34	12
	Tyler Colvin	L-L	6-3	210	9/5/85	CHICAGO NL	.150	80	206	17	31	6	20	14	58	0
						Iowa (AAA)	.256	50	203	32	52	7	32	5	55	1
3	Michael Cuddyer	R-R	6-2	220	3/27/79	MINNESOTA	.284	139	529	70	150	20	70	48	95	11
24	Dexter Fowler	S-R	6-4	190	3/22/86	COLORADO	.266	125	481	84	128	5	45	68	130	12
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.237	24	97	17	23	2	9	15	24	2
						COLORADO	.295	127	481	92	142	26	92	48	105	20
						Colo. Sprs. (AAA)	.300	3	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Jamie Hoffmann	R-R	6-3	235	8/20/84	LOS ANGELES NL	.000	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.297	133	475	91	141	22	84	44	102	14



LOS ANGELES DODGERS

**2012
PREDICTION**

3RD

NL WEST

**2011
RECORD
82-79**

HOME: 42-39 ROAD: 40-40

TEAM STADIUM
Dodger Stadium

TICKETS CAPACITY
323-224-1507 56,000

TEAM WEBSITE
losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com

**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	82	4th
2008	84	1st
2009	95	1st
2010	80	4th
2011	82	3rd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ OF Matt Kemp

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ SP Clayton Kershaw



BUY LOW ◇ RP Kenley Jansen

SELL HIGH ◇ SP Aaron Harang

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ SP Rubby De La Rosa

IPO ◇ SP Nate Eovaldi

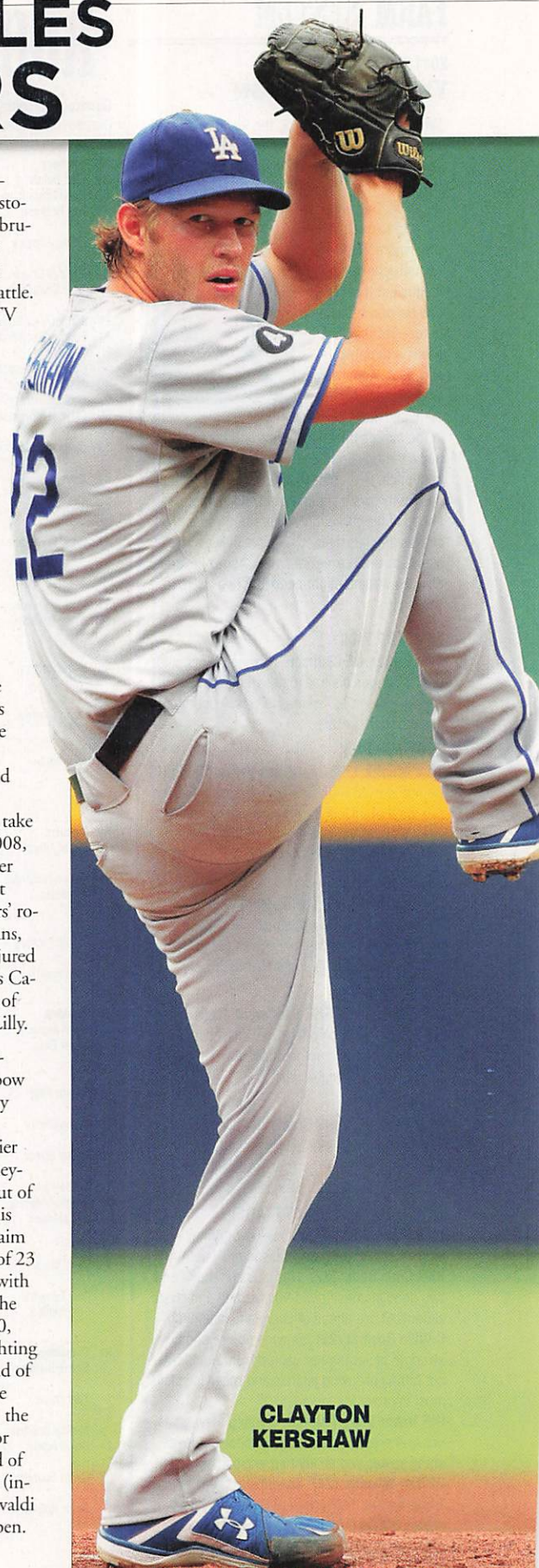
FUTURES MARKET ◇ OF Alfredo Silverio

INSIDER TIP ◇ Though Juan Rivera will be the nominal left field starter in March, young Jerry Sands will overtake him in short order.

For Dodgers fans, the long nightmare is over — nearly. Last year was one of the darkest in the storied franchise's long history. A Giants fan was brutally beaten in the parking lot outside Dodger Stadium. The team's owners, Frank and Jamie McCourt, engaged in a tacky and embarrassing divorce battle. Frank also took the team into bankruptcy, battling with TV rights-holders and MLB hierarchy in the process. An organic boycott grew out of fans' disgust with the franchise's management, and attendance dipped below three million for only the second time in the past 16 years. McCourt has agreed to sell the team, giving those fans hope for the future. Whoever the eventual new owner is, he/she/they will inherit two very valuable assets in Clayton Kershaw and Matt Kemp — two of the best young players in baseball. Unfortunately in the short term, though, GM Ned Colletti has been handcuffed by the franchise's financial problems and surrounded those two stars with cheap spare parts. The Dodgers' biggest offseason acquisition was starter Aaron Harang, signed as a free agent for two years and \$12 million.

ROTATION The Dodgers had hoped by now to have one of the best 1-2 punches in the National League at the front of their rotation. They're halfway there. Kershaw has blossomed into one of baseball's best pitchers. He won the NL's pitching Triple Crown in 2011, tying for the lead league in wins (21) and leading the NL in ERA (2.28) and strikeouts (248) while running away with the Cy Young Award. However, righthander Chad Billingsley has yet to take his next step forward. Since winning 16 games back in 2008, the 27-year-old Billingsley has been basically a .500 pitcher (35-33) with a rising ERA (a career-high 4.21 last year) and slipping K-rate. The rest of the Dodgers' rotation is an uninspiring group of middling veterans, placeholders for a wave of young talent led by injured Rubby De La Rosa. Harang and lefthander Chris Capuano were signed as free agents (at half the cost of departed free agent Hiroki Kuroda) to join Ted Lilly.

BULLPEN Jonathan Broxton's four-year roller-coaster ride as the Dodgers' closer ended with elbow surgery and free agency last year. In his place, Javy Guerra has stepped in as the last link in a young bullpen featuring only two veterans (Matt Guerrier and Mike MacDougal) — possibly three if journeyman lefthander John Grabow makes the roster out of spring training. Guerra was a godsend, making his major league debut in May and quickly laying claim to the closer's role. As a rookie, he converted 21 of 23 save opportunities with a 2.31 ERA. He'll team with hard-throwing Kenley Jansen as the finishers in the Dodgers' bullpen. After a dynamic debut in 2010, Jansen got off to a rough start in 2011 before righting himself in a big way. From mid-June until the end of the season, Jansen retired 97 of the 120 batters he faced — 61 by strikeout. Though inexperienced, the Guerra-Jansen combo is a formidable hammer for manager Don Mattingly to wield at the back end of games. He'll sort through a passel of young arms (including Josh Lindblom, Scott Elbert, Nathan Eovaldi and Blake Hawksworth) to build the rest of the pen.



**CLAYTON
KERSHAW**

DIFFERENCE MAKER ANDRE ETHIER

Down seasons by Ethier and James Loney left MVP candidate Matt Kemp exposed in the middle of the Dodgers' lineup last season. Kemp rose above it nonetheless, but will need help. Ethier has been that guy before, but he needs to reverse a downward slide in his power numbers in order to rejoin Kemp as a middle-of-the-lineup force. His home runs have decreased each of the past two years (from a career-high 31 in 2009) and his slugging percentage each of the past three (from a career-high .510 in 2008).

MIDDLE INFIELD Rookie shortstop Dee Gordon breathed some life into the Dodgers last season, batting .304 in 56 games after his big league debut in early June. Gordon was particularly dynamic in September, when he led all National Leaguers with 42 hits and stole 12 of his 24 bases (tied for the NL lead among rookies). The still-developing Gordon is a mixed bag (particularly defensively) at this point in his career. But the Dodgers will insert him at the leadoff spot and hope the spark he provides will outweigh the blunders. Alongside him at second base, meanwhile, will be a pair of veterans on the downside of their careers. Mark Ellis, 34, figures to get most of the playing time with Adam Kennedy in a utility role.

CORNERS As he rose through their farm system, the Dodgers envisioned first baseman James Loney developing into a Mark Grace clone, providing defensive range at first with doubles power, high average and run production at the plate. Those visions have yet to be realized. Loney's power has not emerged; he has driven in fewer runs each of the past two seasons, and his average seems stuck in the .280s. The Dodgers would like to see more punch from Loney to give them a complementary offensive piece behind Kemp. The other side of the infield was an even bigger disappointment in 2011. Casey Blake is gone, but Juan Uribe and his three-year, \$21 million contract live on. Injured, out of shape and ineffective, Uribe hit just .204 in 77 games last season. With few alternatives (Kennedy? Jerry Hairston Jr.), the Dodgers will give Uribe another chance to earn his salary at third in 2012.

OUTFIELD Potential turned into reality with Kemp in 2011. The supremely gifted center fielder emerged as the best all-around player in the NL, just missing out on a 40-40 season and finishing second to Milwaukee's Ryan Braun in the NL MVP voting while leading the league in home runs (39), RBIs (126) and runs scored (115), winning a Gold Glove, stealing 40 bases and batting .324. More of the same is expected after he signed an eight-year, \$160 million contract extension. Simply more is expected from his outfield neighbors, particularly Andre Ethier in right. After a scorching start, Ethier finished the season with a .292 average, 11 home runs (matching a career-low) and 62 RBIs. If he rebounds, the Dodgers will have a robust 1-2 punch in the middle of their lineup. If not, the offense will continue to sag as it did in 2011. While Ethier and others were failing to support Kemp in the Dodgers' 2011 lineup, Juan Rivera was a valuable midseason find, batting .274 with five home runs and 46 RBIs in 62 games with the Dodgers. That was enough to get him a new contract (one year with a club option for 2013). Jerry Sands and Tony Gwynn Jr. lurk, ready to take away playing time.

CATCHING The Dodgers moved on from Russell Martin last season, trying to combine the talents of Rod Barajas and Dioner Navarro to fill the va-

DODGERS

BATTING ORDER

SS Dee Gordon (L)	Had more hits in September (42) than any hitter in the National League.
2B Mark Ellis (R)	OPS of Dodgers second basemen in 2011 (.627) was lowest in NL, 28th of 30 MLB teams.
CF Matt Kemp (R)	Monster year could herald arrival of mega-talented Kemp as MLB's best all-around player.
RF Andre Ethier (L)	30-game hitting streak in April-May was one short of franchise record set by Willie Davis in 1969.
LF Juan Rivera (R)	Hit only two homers in final 28 games but still had 22 RBIs in September.
1B James Loney (L)	With settled ownership, Dodgers might have bid for free agent Prince Fielder.
3B Juan Uribe (R)	Three-year, \$21 million contract given to Uribe looks like another costly mistake.
C A.J. Ellis (R)	Emerges from last year's Rod Barajas-Dioner Navarro muddle to get first shot at every-day job.

BENCH

UT Jerry Hairston Jr. (R)	Played five positions (second, third, shortstop, left field and center field) for Nats and Brewers in 2011.
INF Adam Kennedy (L)	Made 58 starts batting third, fourth or fifth for offense-starved Mariners last season.
C Matt Treanor (R)	Career .225 hitter better known for his defense — and his wife (beach volleyball star Misty May).
OF Tony Gwynn Jr. (L)	Could surface in left field again if Rivera reverts to 2010 form.
OF Jerry Sands (R)	Could soak up playing time if Ethier struggles against lefties again or Rivera disappoints.

ROTATION

LH Clayton Kershaw	Dodgers' first 20-game winner since 1990 was 12-2 vs. NL West teams, 5-0 vs. rival Giants.
RH Chad Billingsley	Dodgers still waiting for Billingsley's breakout season despite career 70-52 record.
LH Ted Lilly	Has averaged less than six innings per start — but WHIP is just 1.11 in season-and-a-half as Dodger.
RH Aaron Harang	Cautionary note: ERA jumped from 3.05 to 4.70, WHIP from 1.21 to 1.65 away from Petco Park in 2011.
LH Chris Capuano	Went 11-12 with 4.55 ERA for Mets in 2011, his first full season after Tommy John surgery.

BULLPEN

RH Javy Guerra (Closer)	Went from Double-A to Dodgers' closer in 2011, but Jansen lurks as potential successor.
RH Kenley Jansen	Set major league record by averaging 16.1 strikeouts per nine innings last year.
RH Matt Guerrier	Lone veteran in young pen allowed 16 of final 28 inherited runners to score in 2011.
RH Blake Hawksworth	Had career-high 7.3 strikeouts per nine innings last year but let half his inherited runners score.
LH Scott Elbert	Held lefties to .191 average (13 for 68) with 18 strikeouts in 2011.
RH Josh Lindblom	23 strikeouts, 20 runners allowed in final 19 innings with Dodgers last year.
RH Mike MacDougal	Posted 2.05 ERA in first year wearing blue; re-signed to one-year deal with club option in offseason.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

Most of the mysteries the Dodgers will take into the 2012 season won't be answered during their six-week stretch in Arizona. It will take longer to find out how Andre Ethier will rebound from knee surgery, whether Juan Rivera will grab hold of the left field job and A.J. Ellis the catching duties. However, a large group of bullpen candidates will spend the spring jockeying for positions behind Javy Guerra, Kenley Jansen and Matt Guerrier. Josh Lindblom, Blake Hawksworth and Scott Elbert have the early edge, but Ramon Troncoso, Ronald Belisario, John Grabow and top prospect Nathan Eovaldi will all try to pitch their way into consideration.

STATLINE

FEWEST HITS/9 IP IN CAREER

1. Kenley Jansen	4.69
2. Craig Kimbrel	5.25
3. Neftali Feliz	5.42
4. Carlos Marmol	5.66
5. Billy Wagner	5.99
(min. 75 games pitched)	



STATISTICIAN

- 8 Dodgers pitchers who have won the Cy Young Award.
- .258 Outfielder Andre Ethier's OBP against left-handed pitchers in 2011.
- .630 Dodgers' winning percentage in August and September last season (34-20).
- 24 Times Matt Kemp was intentionally walked last season, tied for second in the majors behind Prince Fielder.
- 4-0 Clayton Kershaw's record (with a 0.30 ERA) in four head-to-head matchups with Giants ace Tim Lincecum in 2011.
- 3 Gold Gloves won by Dodgers in 2011 (Kershaw, Ethier, Kemp).
- .749 Juan Uribe's OPS during the 2010 season with the Giants.
- .557 Uribe's OPS in 2011, the first year of a three-year, \$21 million contract.
- .720 Combined OPS (.328 OBP, .392 slugging) of Dodgers' first basemen in 2011, 14th in the National League.

LA DODGERS SCHEDULE

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	SD	SD	SD
SD	8	9	PIT	PIT	PIT	SD
SD	15	16	MIL	MIL	MIL	HOU
SD	22	23	ATL	ATL	ATL	WAS
SD	29	30	COL			

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			COL	COL	CHC	CHC
CHC	SF	SF	SF	SF	COL	COL
COL	ARI	ARI	SD	SD	STL	STL
STL	ARI	ARI	ARI	ARI	HOU	HOU
HOU	MIL	MIL	MIL	MIL		

JUNE

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
					COL	COL
COL	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	SEA	SEA
SEA	LAA	LAA	LAA	LAA	CWS	CWS
CWS	OAK	OAK	OAK	OAK	LAA	LAA
LAA	SF	SF	SF	SF	NYM	NYM

JULY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
NYM	CIN	CIN	CIN	ARI	ARI	ARI
ARI					SD	SD
SD	PHI	PHI	PHI	PHI	NYM	NYM
NYM	STL	STL	STL	STL	SF	SF
SF	ARI	ARI				

AUGUST

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
			ARI	CHC	CHC	
CHC	COL	COL	COL	COL	MIA	MIA
MIA	PIT	PIT	PIT	PIT	ATL	ATL
ATL	SF	SF	SF	SF	MIA	MIA
MIA	COL	COL	COL	ARI	ARI	

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
						1 ARI
ARI	SD	SD	SD	SD	SF	SF
SF	ARI	ARI	STL	STL	STL	STL
STL	WAS	WAS	WAS	CIN	CIN	CIN
CIN	SD	SD	SD	COL	COL	
COL	SF	SF	SF			



getting his team to finish strong (45 wins in the final 73 games) despite being out of the race. He proved to be a more hands-on presence than predecessor Joe Torre, getting the most out of the Dodgers' best player, Kemp, who chafed under Torre and did not mesh well with his old-school coaching staff. If the Dodgers overachieved by finishing with a winning record (82-79) in Mattingly's first season, he'll have to milk more of the same out of a limited roster once again in 2012. Both he and Colletti will be working in a state of limbo for at least another season as the Dodgers' ownership drama continues.

FINAL ANALYSIS The NL West has been a difficult division to get a handle on. Four of the five teams have made the playoffs at least once in the past three seasons (the Padres being the only ones left in the cold) with a different division winner each of those years. The Dodgers' best hope in 2012 might be for a similar open casting call extending deep into the season. That would allow time for their ownership issues to get sorted out and — maybe — free Colletti's hands for some midseason moves that could prove the difference in a close division race. Without that, the Dodgers will likely muddle through another season in limbo before a new owner can allow them to start acting like the big-market team they really are.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

PAYDAY While fighting in court with his ex-wife, MLB and others, Dodgers owner Frank McCourt has been unwilling to spend much of his money on the Dodgers' roster. But he did show a willingness to spend the next owner's money. The Dodgers signed 27-year-old Matt Kemp to an eight-year, \$160 million extension following the 2011 season. It is the richest contract (in total value) ever signed by a Dodgers player. Kemp earned the big-money commitment with a season that finally fulfilled his immense potential. Kemp finished second to Milwaukee's Ryan Braun in the NL MVP voting while finishing one home run short of a rare 40-40 season (he had 40 stolen bases) and promised even more in 2012. "I'm going to go 50-50 next year," Kemp told reporters in November. "I'm telling you — y'all created a monster."

ROCKY ROAD The troubled career of reliever Ronald Belisario hit another pothole this winter with the news that Belisario violated baseball's drug policy and must serve a 25-game suspension to start

cancy at catcher. That didn't work out very well. A.J. Ellis gets the chance now to lay claim to the primary catcher's job with veteran Matt Treanor backing him up. The best asset Ellis has shown in his career is an ability to get on base — he has a career OBP of .406 in the minors and .360 in 87 major league games.

BENCH Colletti's spare-parts approach to team-building (necessitated by the team's uncertain finances) will be most evident on the bench, where the Dodgers' roster thins out rapidly. Hairston Jr., a veteran utility man, and Kennedy offer versatility but little else. Treanor is a reliable backup at catcher. Only Sands and Gwynn threaten to be more than minimal role players. Sands, in particular, could push his way into a bigger role if Rivera proves to be a laggard in left (as he was in Anaheim and Toronto before arriving in Los Angeles).

MANAGEMENT In his first year as manager, Mattingly proved that he was up to a challenging situation,

the 2012 season. After bouncing around the minors for eight seasons, Belisario, 29, pitched well in the Dodgers' bullpen in 2009 (4-3, 2.04 ERA, 1.15 WHIP), but he was arrested for driving under the influence and pleaded to a lesser charge. In 2010, he left the Dodgers for two stints on the restricted list, including one spent receiving treatment in a substance-abuse program. He was unable to pitch in 2011 due to visa problems. The hard-throwing Venezuelan has ironed out those visa problems and should be able to pitch for the Dodgers in 2012 after serving his suspension.

HITLESS IN LA Eugenio Velez split the 2011 season between the Dodgers and their Triple-A affiliate in Albuquerque. During his time with the Dodgers, Velez appeared in 34 games and went hitless in 37 at-bats. It is the most at-bats a position player has ever had in one season without getting a base hit. Velez left the Dodgers as a free agent and signed a minor league deal with the St. Louis Cardinals for 2012.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK

CHRIS REED

Reed, the No. 16 pick in the draft, emerged as a first-round talent pitching as Stanford's closer. His numbers with the Cardinal were solid, but hardly overpowering in 2011. He went 6-2 with a 2.56 ERA and struck out 52 batters in 52.2 innings. Reed, a 6'4" lefthander from Reseda, Calif., could probably be fast-tracked to the majors as a reliever, but the Dodgers believe his three-pitch repertoire and easy delivery make him a strong candidate to progress as a starter. After signing last summer, Reed made three starts for Class-A Rancho Cucamonga, pitching just seven innings total in the first steps of building up to a starter's workload. Look for a gradual progression beginning back in Class-A again in 2012 as the Dodgers proceed with caution on his conversion.



2010 TOP PICK

Zach Lee, RHP, McKinney (Texas) HS LSU quarterback recruit made pro debut in 2011, going 9-6 with 3.47 ERA in Class-A Midwest League.

2009 TOP PICK

Aaron Miller, LHP, Baylor Lost much of 2011 to sports hernia; pitched only 36 innings between Class-A and Rookie League.

2008 TOP PICK

Ethan Martin, RHP, Stephens County (Ga.) HS Progress has been slow; moved from starting to relief while touching Double-A for first time in 2011.

2007 TOP PICK

Chris Withrow, RHP Midland (Texas) HS Results still haven't caught up to talent after second season in Double-A (6-6, 4.20 ERA, 130 K, 128.2 IP).

2006 TOP PICK

Clayton Kershaw, LHP, Highland Park (Texas) HS Kershaw established himself as one of the best pitchers in baseball, winning the NL Cy Young Award and pitching Triple Crown at age 23.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Rubby De La Rosa (23) Made jump to majors in 2011 but then underwent Tommy John surgery; will likely miss all of 2012.

RHP Nathan Eovaldi (22) Could compete for spot in Dodgers' rotation after making big league debut last season.

OF Alfredo Silverio (24) Dominican outfielder is best in an organization very thin on position prospects.

RHP Allen Webster (22) Mixed results in season split between Class-A and Double-A — combined 11-5, but 5.04 ERA, 1.51 WHIP in Double-A.

RHP Josh Lindblom (24) Second-rounder spent 2011 in Double-A bullpen; one of young arms in mix for Dodgers' 2012 pen.

DODGERS ROSTER

General Manager: Ned Colletti **Manager:** Don Mattingly **Coaches:** Dave Hansen (batting), Trey Hillman (bench), Rick Honeycutt (pitching), Ken Howell (bullpen), Davey Lopes (first base), Manny Mota, Tim Wallach (third base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
	Michael Antonini	R-L	6-2	200	8/6/85	Chattanooga (AA)	10-9	4.01	27	27	0	148.0	164	42	131	
54	Ronald Belisario	R-R	6-3	235	12/31/82	Restricted List — Missed Season										
58	Chad Billingsley	R-R	6-1	240	7/29/84	LOS ANGELES NL	11-11	4.21	32	32	0	188.0	189	84	152	
	Chris Capuano	L-L	6-3	220	8/19/78	NEW YORK NL	11-12	4.55	33	31	0	186.0	198	53	168	
41	Rubby De La Rosa	R-R	6-1	185	3/4/89	LOS ANGELES NL	4-5	3.71	13	10	0	60.2	54	31	60	
						Chattanooga (AA)	2-2	2.92	8	8	0	40.0	30	19	52	
57	Scott Elbert	L-L	6-1	210	8/13/85	LOS ANGELES NL	0-1	2.43	47	0	2	33.1	27	14	34	
						Albuquerque (AAA)	2-0	5.02	13	0	3	14.1	13	9	16	
50	Nathan Eovaldi	R-R	6-3	195	2/13/90	LOS ANGELES NL	1-2	3.63	10	6	0	34.2	28	20	23	
						Chattanooga (AA)	6-5	2.62	20	19	0	103.0	76	46	99	
	Stephen Fife	R-R	6-3	210	10/4/86	Chattanooga (AA)	3-0	4.01	6	6	0	33.2	36	15	25	
						Portland (AA)	11-4	3.66	19	18	0	103.1	107	37	70	
	John Grabow	L-L	6-2	205	11/4/78	CHICAGO NL	3-1	4.76	58	0	0	62.1	67	28	38	
54	Javy Guerra	R-R	6-0	205	10/31/85	LOS ANGELES NL	2-2	2.31	47	0	21	46.2	37	18	38	
						Chattanooga (AA)	1-0	1.06	14	0	3	17.0	8	5	15	
55	Matt Guerrier	R-R	6-3	195	8/2/78	LOS ANGELES NL	4-3	4.07	70	0	1	66.1	59	25	50	
	Aaron Harang	R-R	6-7	260	5/9/78	SAN DIEGO	14-7	3.64	28	28	0	170.2	175	58	124	
36	Blake Hawksworth	R-R	6-3	200	3/1/83	LOS ANGELES NL	2-5	4.08	49	0	0	53.0	45	17	43	
						R. Cucamonga (A)	0-0	2.25	4	4	0	4.0	2	1	5	
74	Kenley Jansen	S-R	6-5	255	9/30/87	LOS ANGELES NL	2-1	2.85	51	0	5	53.2	30	26	96	
						Chattanooga (AA)	0-1	4.50	5	0	0	6.0	2	3	9	
						R. Cucamonga (A)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	2.0	0	0	4	
22	Clayton Kershaw	L-L	6-3	215	3/19/88	LOS ANGELES NL	21-5	2.28	33	33	0	233.1	174	54	248	
29	Ted Lilly	L-L	6-1	195	1/4/76	LOS ANGELES NL	12-14	3.97	33	33	0	192.2	172	51	158	
52	Josh Lindblom	R-R	6-5	240	6/15/87	LOS ANGELES NL	1-0	2.73	27	0	0	29.2	21	10	28	
						Chattanooga (AA)	1-3	2.13	34	0	17	42.1	30	14	54	
66	Mike MacDougal	R-R	6-4	175	3/5/77	LOS ANGELES NL	3-1	2.05	69	0	1	57.0	54	29	41	
38	Ramon Troncoso	R-R	6-1	210	2/16/83	LOS ANGELES NL	0-0	6.75	18	0	0	22.2	38	4	14	
						Albuquerque (AAA)	2-4	5.05	35	0	0	57.0	59	26	41	
	Josh Wall	R-R	6-6	220	1/21/87	Chattanooga (AA)	4-5	3.93	51	0	1	68.2	72	27	57	
	Chris Withrow	R-R	6-3	195	4/1/89	Chattanooga (AA)	6-6	4.20	25	25	0	128.2	111	75	130	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
17	A.J. Ellis	R-R	6-2	225	4/9/81	LOS ANGELES NL	.271	31	85	8	23	2	11	14	16	0
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.304	59	184	36	56	2	28	50	23	0
31	Tim Federowicz	R-R	5-11	200	8/5/87	LOS ANGELES NL	.154	7	13	0	2	0	1	2	4	0
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.325	25	83	17	27	6	17	15	20	0
						Portland (AA)	.277	90	339	46	94	8	52	32	63	1
	Matt Treanor	R-R	6-0	205	3/3/76	TEXAS	.000	7	10	0	0	0	1	1	4	0
						KANSAS CITY	.226	65	186	24	42	3	21	33	49	2
						NW Arkansas (AA)	.263	7	19	2	5	0	5	4	2	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
13	Ivan De Jesus	R-R	5-11	200	5/1/87	LOS ANGELES NL	.188	17	32	2	6	0	1	2	11	0
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.310	100	387	61	120	8	59	45	68	4
	Mark Ellis	R-R	5-10	185	6/6/77	COLORADO	.274	70	263	34	72	6	25	14	43	7
						OAKLAND	.217	62	217	21	47	1	16	8	32	7
						Sacramento (AAA)	.200	3	10	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
9	Dee Gordon	L-R	5-11	150	4/22/88	LOS ANGELES NL	.304	56	224	34	68	0	11	7	27	24
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.333	70	288	51	96	0	24	18	40	30
						R. Cucamonga (A)	.273	3	11	4	3	0	0	1	1	2
	Jerry Hairston Jr.	R-R	5-10	190	5/29/76	MILWAUKEE	.274	45	124	18	34	1	7	11	16	1
						WASHINGTON	.268	75	213	25	57	4	24	22	30	2
						Harrisburg (AA)	.167	2	6	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
	Adam Kennedy	L-R	6-1	195	1/10/76	SEATTLE	.234	114	380	36	89	7	38	22	67	8
7	James Loney	L-L	6-2	205	5/7/84	LOS ANGELES NL	.288	158	531	56	153	12	65	42	67	4
46	Russell Mitchell	R-R	5-10	210	2/15/85	LOS ANGELES NL	.157	25	51	5	8	2	3	7	10	0
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.283	93	336	66	95	16	69	46	62	1
12	Justin Sellers	R-R	5-10	160	2/1/86	LOS ANGELES NL	.203	36	123	20	25	1	13	12	21	1
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.304	89	270	57	82	14	49	41	57	3
5	Juan Uribe	R-R	5-11	230	3/22/79	LOS ANGELES NL	.204	77	270	21	55	4	28	17	60	2
						R. Cucamonga (A)	.500	3	8	2	4	0	0	0	2	0
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Alex Castellanos	R-R	5-11	180	8/4/86	Chattanooga (AA)	.322	32	121	30	39	4	23	15	24	4
						Springfield (AA)	.319	93	354	72	113	19	62	24	94	10
16	Andre Ethier	L-L	6-2	205	4/10/82	LOS ANGELES NL	.292	135	487	67	142	11	62	58	103	0
10	Tony Gwynn Jr.	L-R	5-11	195	10/4/82	LOS ANGELES NL	.256	136	312	37	80	2	22	23	61	22
27	Matt Kemp	R-R	6-3	215	9/23/84	LOS ANGELES NL	.324	161	602	115	195	39	126	74	159	40
49	Trent Oeltjen	L-L	6-1	190	2/28/83	LOS ANGELES NL	.197	61	71	10	14	2	6	13	30	6
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.339	56	180	33	61	8	34	25	50	7
33	Juan Rivera	R-R	6-2	230	7/3/78	LOS ANGELES NL	.274	62	219	24	60	5	46	21	35	2
						TORONTO	.243	70	247	22	60	6	28	22	41	3
47	Jerry Sands	R-R	6-4	220	9/28/87	LOS ANGELES NL	.253	61	198	20	50	4	26	25	51	3
						Albuquerque (AAA)	.278	94	370	78	103	29	88	38	86	3
	Alfredo Silverio	R-R	6-0	205	5/6/87	Chattanooga (AA)	.306	132	533	90	163	16	85	30	91	11
	Scott Van Slyke	R-R	6-5	220	7/24/86	Chattanooga (AA)	.348	130	457	81	159	20	92	65	100	6



SAN DIEGO PADRES

2012 PREDICTION

5TH

NL WEST

2011 RECORD

71-91

HOME: 35-46 ROAD: 36-45

TEAM STADIUM

PETCO Park

TICKETS CAPACITY

877-374-2784 42,445

TEAM WEBSITE

sandiego.padres.mlb.com

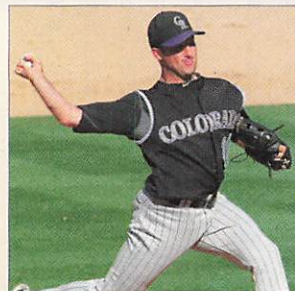
FIVE-YEAR WIN TREND

2007	89	3rd
2008	63	5th
2009	75	4th
2010	90	2nd
2011	71	5th

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ◇ None

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ◇ RP Huston Street



BUY LOW ◇ 3B Chase Headley

SELL HIGH ◇ SP Dustin Moseley

MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ◇ SP Clayton Richard

IPO ◇ 1B Yonder Alonso

FUTURES MARKET ◇ C Yasmani Grandal

INSIDER TIP ◇ OF Carlos Quentin and Alonso are the big new bats. The former has the raw power to survive Petco, but the latter's home run ceiling may be in the teens.

Just when it was looking like the Padres were building for the future, new general manager Josh Byrnes made two moves in late December that should at least give the Padres some hope in 2012, even if they're still long shots to win the NL West. Byrnes made a New Year's Eve splash when he acquired All-Star slugger Carlos Quentin from the Chicago White Sox for two prospects, bringing the left fielder to his hometown. The addition of Quentin, who's had four straight 20-homer seasons, is an immediate upgrade for a weak offense. Two weeks earlier, Byrnes swapped mercurial starter Mat Latos for starter Edinson Volquez and first baseman Yonder Alonso, plus two prospects. The two moves showed that Byrnes and CEO Jeff Moorad are willing to take on some salary and acquire established major leaguers in exchange for some of the prospects the franchise has been stockpiling for two years. In another notable deal, Byrnes traded Anthony Rizzo, one of three prospects obtained for Adrian Gonzalez a year earlier, for reliever Andrew Cashner.

ROTATION With Latos gone to the Reds and 14-game winner and local product Aaron Harang off to the rival Los Angeles Dodgers, the Padres' rotation should still be solid, even if it doesn't have a marquee name. The starting five is expected to be Tim Stauffer, Volquez, Cory Luebke, lefty Clayton Richard and Dustin Moseley. The low-key Stauffer has carried the Padres in big situations before and was the Opening Day starter in 2011. Richard and Moseley are both coming off shoulder surgeries and are expected to be ready to go by spring training. Volquez is trying to bounce back from a disappointing season. An All-Star in 2008, he still hasn't regained the form he had before having reconstructive elbow surgery. Of the five, only Stauffer came close to double-digit wins last season; he went 9-12 with a 3.73 ERA.

BULLPEN Byrnes had to do some tweaking to the bullpen. He didn't make an attempt to keep closer Heath Bell, and set-up man Mike Adams was traded to Texas for prospects in late July. Bell signed with Miami for \$27 million over three years, the kind of money the Padres say they'd never spend on one player. Byrnes responded by trading for closer Huston Street from the division rival Colorado Rockies. The 28-year-old Street had 29 saves in 33 chances in 2011. He says he's looking forward to pitching at sea level in pitcher-friendly Petco Park rather than at mile-high Coors Field. Luke Gregerson, the opening salvo in what had been a 1-2-3 punch with Adams and Bell, is expected to retain his seventh-inning role. Cashner, obtained when Rizzo was sent to the Cubs, is expected to be the set-up man. Ernesto Frieri is solid, young Australian lefty Josh Spence has promise, and Anthony Bass and Brad Brach are young. Lefty Joe Thatcher missed significant time last year with a shoulder injury.

MIDDLE INFIELD Shortstop Jason Bartlett and second baseman Orlando Hudson could very well be in their second and final seasons with the Padres. Bartlett hasn't regained his 2009 All-Star form while



CAMERON MAYBIN

DIFFERENCE MAKER MARK KOTSAY

Kotsay was a regular when he played for the Padres from 2001-03 back when the team was still at Qualcomm Stadium. Now 36, he was signed not only to provide a left-handed bat off the bench, but also to bring badly needed leadership to a clubhouse that had little, if any, chemistry last season. The Padres realized too late that they needed veterans such as David Eckstein, Jerry Hairston Jr. and Matt Stairs, who provided leadership during the team's stirring season in 2010, when the Padres fell just short of the playoffs.

with Tampa Bay, and Hudson showed too many lapses in judgment in the field. In one game, Hudson lost track of the number of outs and tossed a live ball to a ball girl, who tossed it into the stands. At least twice he remained on the ground instead of hustling up to grab a live ball, allowing base-runners to advance. Each player will make \$5.5 million this year. Hudson got a sweet deal from the Padres, whose CEO, Moorad, represented Hudson during his days as an agent.

CORNER After getting their wish for the Padres to promote Rizzo last spring, fans watched as Rizzo had a few good games, then struggled mightily with his big, looping swing. The Padres acquired Alonso in the deal for Latos, and he immediately becomes the leading contender for the starting job. Alonso, the seventh overall pick in the 2008 draft, was stuck behind Joey Votto with the Reds and was moved to left field briefly last season. He batted .330 with five homers and 15 RBIs in 47 games. Chase Headley remains the third baseman, although there's never a shortage of rumors that he'll be moved. Headley continues to lack decent power numbers at spacious Petco Park. He missed 39 games with a broken left pinkie, hit only four homers and struck out 92 times.

OUTFIELD Until the addition of Quentin on New Year's Eve, the emerging star of this group had been center fielder Cameron Maybin. Maybin is exciting in the field, at the plate and on the base paths. He set career-highs in nearly every offensive category in his first year with San Diego, including games (137), runs (82), hits (136), doubles (24), triples (8), home runs (9), RBIs (40) and stolen bases (40). He led the team in runs, triples, stolen bases and posted a career-high 37 multi-hit games. His 40 stolen bases ranked tied for fourth-most in the majors and tied for second-most in the National League. Quentin will start in left and provide badly needed power in the middle of the lineup. A two-time AL All-Star, the hometown product has had four straight 20-homer seasons, including 36 in 2008. Right fielder Will Venable struggled so badly last season that he was sent down to the minors to work on his swing, and still finished with a .246 average. Jesus Guzman, who could see significant time in the outfield, hit .312 after his promotion, ranking 13th-best in the National League from June 16 through the end of the season.

CATCHING Nick Hundley has established himself as the front-line catcher. He started a career-high-tying 73 games, his third straight season of 70 or more starts. He had two trips to the disabled list, the first for a strained muscle in his right side and the second after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow. He also showed nice pop with the bat, setting career-highs with nine homers, a .288 average, .347 on-base percentage and .477 slugging percentage. The backup will be John Baker, who missed most of last season

STATISTICIAN

- 2 Hitting coaches Padres will have in 2012: Phil Plantier and assistant Alonso Powell.
- 6 Hitting coaches Padres have had since Petco Park opened in 2004.
- 3 General managers Padres have had in last four seasons.
- 3.42 ERA by the Padres last year, third-best in the majors.
- 12 Players who made big league debuts with the Padres in '11.
- 91 Homers for the Padres in 2011, the fewest in the major leagues.
- 107 Homers by Carlos Quentin in last four seasons with Chicago White Sox
- 170 Major league-leading stolen bases for the Padres in 2011.
- 1,320 Strikeouts for the Padres last season, the second-most in majors.

PADRES

BATTING ORDER

RF Will Venable (L)	Homegrown talent struggled at plate so badly last year he was sent to minors to work on swing.
SS Jason Bartlett (R)	Solid if not flashy with glove, batting average continued downward trend at .245.
3B Chase Headley (S)	Low power numbers, development of prospect Jedd Gyorko have people wondering how long he'll be around.
LF Carlos Quentin (R)	Brings his power to Petco Park after four straight 20-homer seasons with White Sox.
CF Cameron Maybin (R)	Padres' most exciting player could be face of franchise for years.
1B Yonder Alonso (L)	Is expected to make people forget Rizzo-mania — at least for the time being.
C Nick Hundley (R)	Impressive offensive year included career-best nine homers, .288 average, .347 OBP, .477 SLG.
2B Orlando Hudson (S)	Brain cramps on defense had people wondering why Padres gave the O Dog a big contract.

BENCH

OF Mark Kotsay (L)	Signed for his clubhouse leadership as much as his left-handed bat off the bench.
C John Baker (L)	Left-handed hitter missed most of 2011 with Marlins after having right elbow surgery.
OF Chris Denorfia (R)	Can play all three outfield spots; made 72 starts in 2011 and is solid backup with nice bat.
SS Everth Cabrera (S)	Even after being supplanted by Bartlett, club still likes young player who was starter as a rookie in '09.
UT Jesus Guzman (R)	Came from nowhere to become Padres' most consistent hitter and earn a roster spot for this year.

ROTATION

RH Tim Lincecum	Opening Day starter set career-highs in starts (31), wins (9), innings (185.1) and strikeouts (128).
RH Edinson Volquez	2008 All-Star still struggling to regain form after 2009 reconstructive elbow surgery.
LH Cory Luebke	Recorded a career-high 154 strikeouts, in 139.2 innings, second-most by a Padres rookie.
LH Clayton Richard	Made 18 starts before undergoing season-ending arthroscopic surgery on his left shoulder on July 29.
RH Dustin Moseley	Had career-bests in starts (20), innings (120), ERA (3.30) and strikeouts (64) before shoulder surgery.

BULLPEN

RH Huston Street (Closer)	Former Longhorn had 29 saves in 33 chances for division-rival Rockies in 2011.
RH Luke Gregerson	Only one of big three left; worked scoreless ball in 48 of 61 outings, including 23 of 30 at home.
RH Ernesto Frieri	Middle relief workhorse had 76 strikeouts in 63 innings over 59 appearances, all career bests.
RH Andrew Cashner	After missing bulk of '11 with rotator cuff injury with Cubs, is expected to assume setup role.
RH Brad Brach	After 112 saves in the minors, Texas League All-Star made late-season debut with 11 Ks in seven innings.
LH Joe Thatcher	Made 18 appearances in final two months after having surgery on left shoulder in early May.
LH Josh Spence	Aussie rookie made splash by allowing just one run in his first 25 big league outings.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

GM Josh Byrnes eliminated what had been expected to be the biggest spring training competition when he traded first baseman Anthony Rizzo to the Cubs. Rizzo was expected to compete for the job with Yonder Alonso. Byrnes says that since Alonso is a little more accomplished, keeping Rizzo would have been somewhat like a quarterback controversy. At the very least, Rizzo's struggles at the plate in his big league stints should remind fans how dangerous it is to get excited about spring training numbers put up under the Arizona sun and numbers posted in the Pacific Coast League.

STATLINE



SEASON AVG AT PETCO PARK

1. Jesus Guzman, 2011..... .346
2. Josh Bard, 2006..... .315
3. Yorvit Torrealba, 2010..... .312
4. Nick Hundley, 2011..... .307
5. Dave Roberts, 2006..... .306 (min. 100 PAs)

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				LAD	LAD	LAD
LAD		ARI	ARI	ARI	LAD	LAD
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
LAD	COL	COL	COL	PHI	PHI	PHI
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
PHI	WAS	WAS	WAS	SF	SF	
29	30					
SF	MIL					

MAY

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
		MIL			MIA	MIA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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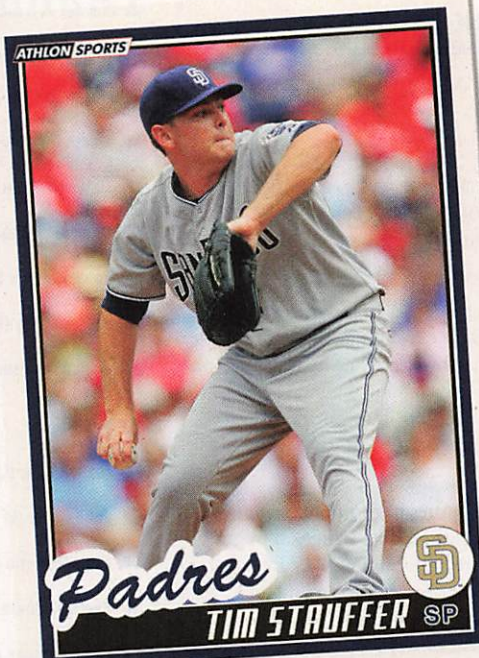
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after having elbow surgery. He had only two hits in 16 games with the Marlins but has a career on-base percentage of .356.

BENCH Mark Kotsay, signed as a free agent in November, will be a backup outfielder but, more important, a veteran presence for a young club. Outfielder Chris Denorfia has been solid in his two seasons with the Padres. The Padres continue to have hopes for shortstop Everth Cabrera, who's been up and down after joining the club as a Rule 5 draftee. Guzman, the team's most consistent hitter for the final three months of 2011, had been in line to start in left before Quentin was acquired. Still, Guzman's bat is too valuable, so he's expected to see time in both the outfield and at first.

MANAGEMENT Moorad, the CEO and minority owner, got what he wanted during a management shuffle that saw Jed Hoyer leave for the Cubs, where he's been reunited with Theo Epstein. That allowed Moorad to promote Byrnes to GM.

Byrnes was GM when Moorad was an executive with the Diamondbacks, and was fired the season after Moorad left to buy the Padres. Finances will force Byrnes to continue the philosophy of building the farm system to restock the big league club. Moorad is still in the process of purchasing the team on the installment plan from John Moores.

FINAL ANALYSIS While the rival Dodgers gave Matt Kemp a \$160 million contract and the neighboring Angels gave Albert Pujols a \$245 million deal, the Padres will operate with a player payroll now in the upper \$50 million range. That is expected to increase whenever the Padres are able to announce their new TV deal, expected to be with Fox. The willingness to acquire Quentin, Volquez and Alonso changed the complexion of the club and shows that the Padres are looking for something a little quicker than a total rebuilding job. A change from those boring, low-scoring nights at Petco Park would be a good thing for San Diego's long-suffering fans.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

SAN DIEGO PADRES

NEW LOOK The Padres have made more uniform changes, although they are sticking to their blue-and-white color scheme while going to a cleaner, more traditional look. The updates include adding piping on the home whites, road grays and blue alternate jerseys. The team will use block numbers and letters on the back of the jerseys, including their Sunday camouflage uniform. The alternate jersey will have an interlocking SD on the left chest. The Padres' primary logo now features an interlocking SD in a circle while the secondary logo features the Padres script under an image of Petco Park.

SUCCESS ON THE FARM The Double-A San Antonio Missions, Single-A Lake Elsinore Storm, Single-A Fort Wayne TinCaps and short-season Eugene Emeralds all made the 2011 postseason, with the Missions winning the Texas League and the Storm winning the California League.

COACHING CHANGE Phil Plantier, a left-handed hitter known for his pronounced crouch at the plate, was hired as the Padres' sixth batting coach since Petco Park opened in 2004. He replaces Randy Ready, who was fired at the end of the 2011 season, when the Padres finished near the bottom in

several offensive categories. The Padres also hired Alonzo Powell as Plantier's assistant. Powell won't be able to sit in the dugout during games.

OMAR ON BOARD The Padres hired former New York Mets and Montreal Expos general manager Omar Minaya as senior vice president of baseball operations. Minaya will take over the role new GM Josh Byrnes held last season under Jed Hoyer. Minaya's job will include providing another set of eyes as Byrnes evaluates trades.

PARK TALK After watching his team struggle offensively again at spacious Petco Park, CEO Jeff Moorad said he was "strongly opposed" to bringing in the fences at the downtown ball yard. The Padres play their Saturday home games at 5:35 p.m., and Moorad said the team might start more games at that time to try to offset the marine layer that moves in from the ocean in the evening. New hitting coach Phil Plantier says the Padres can't totally disregard Petco's dimensions, but adds that there are actually benefits to being in a big park. "Let's face it, there's a lot of grass out there to hit. I do believe in a doubles mentality rather than hitting balls with a lot of air time under them."

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK CORY SPANGENBERG

After being spurned by first-round pick Karsten Whitson at the deadline in 2010, the Padres got great news when Spangenberg, the 10th pick overall, became the first first-round selection from the 2011 draft to come to terms. Wanting to play right away, the second baseman received a signing bonus of \$1.86 million. The former Pennsylvania prep star played at Virginia Military Institute for a year, where he won Big South Conference Freshman of the Year honors before transferring to Indian River Junior College in Florida. He batted .477 last spring for Indian River, the sixth-best average in the nation among Division I junior college players. The left-handed, line-drive hitter hit a combined .316 at short-season Class A Eugene and Class A Fort Wayne. He's ticked for Class A Fort Wayne to open 2012 and could make the jump to Double-A San Antonio at some point this season.



2010 TOP PICK

Jedd Gyorko, 3B, West Virginia With 32 homers in two seasons, the heir apparent to Chase Headley is slated to start 2012 in Double-A.

2009 TOP PICK

Donavan Tate, OF, Cartersville (Ga.) HS Already off to slow start in pro career, Tate was suspended 50 games following a second positive drug test.

2008 TOP PICK

Allan Dykstra, 1B, Wake Forest With a logjam at first, Dykstra was traded to the Mets for minor league right-handed pitcher Eddie Kunz.

2007 TOP PICK

Nick Schmidt, LHP, Arkansas Has a 16-24 record with 4.61 ERA in minor league career and was sent to the Rockies as player to be named in Huston Street deal.

2006 TOP PICK

Matt Antonelli, INF, Wake Forest Has played in only 21 big league games. He was non-tendered after 2010 season; now with the Orioles organization.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

OF Rymer Liriano (20) Rebounded from slow start in fourth pro season to win MVP and Prospect of the Year in Midwest League.

RHP Casey Kelly (22) Key player in Adrian Gonzalez trade will keep climbing ladder after going 11-6 with 3.98 ERA at Double-A.

C Austin Hedges (19) Second-round pick got \$3 million bonus; organization likes his strong arm, but he's a few years away.

RHP Joe Wieland (22) Could be up sooner than later; eye-popping 150 Ks to 21 BBs between Class A and AA last season.

LHP Robbie Erlin (21) Came over with Wieland in trade for Mike Adams; both are expected to begin this season in Triple-A.

PADRES ROSTER

General Manager: Josh Byrnes **Manager:** Bud Black **Coaches:** Darrel Akerfelds (bullpen), Darren Baisley (pitching), Glenn Hoffman (third base), Phil Plantier (hitting), Alonzo Powell (assistant hitting), Rick Renteria (bench), Dave Roberts (first base)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
45	Anthony Bass	R-R	6-2	190	11/1/87	SAN DIEGO	2-0	1.68	27	3	0	48.1	41	21	24	
						Tucson (AAA)	1-0	1.80	1	1	0	5.0	6	0	3	
						San Antonio (AA)	6-4	3.75	13	13	0	69.2	62	21	62	
58	Brad Brach	R-R	6-6	210	4/12/86	SAN DIEGO	0-2	5.14	9	0	0	7.0	9	7	11	
						Tucson (AAA)	1-3	3.90	25	0	11	27.2	28	7	30	
						San Antonio (AA)	2-2	2.25	42	0	23	44.0	32	5	64	
	Andrew Cashner	R-R	6-6	200	9/11/86	CHICAGO NL	0-0	1.69	7	1	0	10.2	3	4	8	
						Iowa (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.0	0	0	2	
						Tennessee (AA)	0-1	6.75	3	3	0	2.2	3	0	6	
	Jose De Paula	L-L	6-1	170	3/4/90	Lake Elsinore (A)	10-5	5.22	26	23	0	112	129	37	87	
39	Ernesto Frieri	R-R	6-2	200	7/19/85	SAN DIEGO	1-2	2.71	59	0	0	63.0	51	34	76	
						Tucson (AAA)	1-0	2.70	4	0	0	3.1	3	2	5	
57	Luke Gregerson	L-R	6-3	200	5/14/84	SAN DIEGO	3-3	2.75	61	0	0	55.2	57	19	34	
						Tucson (AAA)	0-0	20.25	2	0	0	1.1	3	2	2	
40	Erik Hamren	R-R	6-1	195	8/21/86	SAN DIEGO	1-0	4.38	14	0	0	12.1	10	9	10	
						Tucson (AAA)	0-0	3.00	2	0	1	3.0	3	3	2	
						San Antonio (AA)	3-0	0.92	33	0	0	49.0	34	12	48	
						Lake Elsinore (A)	2-0	1.08	15	0	1	16.2	12	2	21	
52	Cory Luebke	R-L	6-4	205	3/4/85	SAN DIEGO	6-10	3.29	46	17	0	139.2	105	44	154	
26	Dustin Moseley	R-R	6-4	215	12/26/81	SAN DIEGO	3-10	3.30	20	20	0	120.0	117	36	64	
	Juan Oramas	L-L	5-10	215	5/11/90	Tucson (AAA)	0-1	14.73	1	1	0	3.2	7	1	4	
						San Antonio (AA)	10-5	3.10	19	18	0	104.2	99	28	102	
33	Clayton Richard	L-L	6-5	245	9/12/83	SAN DIEGO	5-9	3.88	18	18	0	99.2	104	38	53	
44	Josh Spence	L-L	6-1	170	1/22/88	San Antonio (AA)	3-1	1.71	35	0	0	47.1	29	11	42	
						SAN DIEGO	0-2	2.73	40	0	0	29.2	14	19	31	
46	Tim Stauffer	R-R	6-1	225	6/2/82	SAN DIEGO	9-12	3.73	31	31	0	185.2	180	53	128	
	Huston Street	R-R	6-0	190	8/2/83	COLORADO	1-4	3.86	62	0	29	58.1	62	9	55	
						Colorado Sprs. (AAA)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	2.0	0	0	2	
54	Joe Thatcher	L-L	6-2	230	10/4/81	SAN DIEGO	0-0	4.50	18	0	0	10.0	8	7	9	
						Tucson (AAA)	0-0	1.23	8	0	0	7.1	3	3	10	
						Lake Elsinore (A)	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	1.0	0	0	2	
	Nick Vincent	R-R	6-0	175	7/12/86	San Antonio (AA)	8-2	2.27	66	0	3	79.1	54	20	89	
	Edinson Volquez	R-R	6-0	225	7/3/83	CINCINNATI	5-7	5.71	20	20	0	108.2	106	65	104	
						Louisville (AAA)	4-2	2.37	13	13	0	87.1	72	29	83	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	John Baker	L-R	6-1	220	1/20/81	FLORIDA	.154	16	13	0	2	.154	1	0	3	0
						Jacksonville (AA)	.111	3	9	0	1	.111	0	0	5	0
						Jupiter (A)	.286	12	28	8	8	.286	1	0	8	0
	Yasmani Grandal	S-R	6-2	205	11/8/88	Louisville (AAA)	.500	4	12	2	6	0	2	5	1	0
						Carolina (AA)	.301	45	156	20	47	4	26	13	39	0
						Bakersfield (A)	.296	56	206	47	61	41	57	41	57	0
4	Nick Hundley	R-R	6-1	205	9/8/83	SAN DIEGO	.288	82	281	34	81	9	29	22	74	1
						Tucson (AAA)	.273	4	11	3	3	1	5	2	2	0
						San Antonio (AA)	.174	7	23	1	4	0	1	6	10	0
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Yonder Alonso	L-R	6-2	240	4/8/87	CINCINNATI	.330	47	88	9	29	5	15	10	21	0
						Louisville (AAA)	.296	91	358	46	106	12	56	46	60	6
8	Jason Bartlett	R-R	6-0	190	10/30/79	SAN DIEGO	.245	139	554	61	136	2	40	48	98	23
2	Everth Cabrera	S-R	5-10	175	11/17/86	SAN DIEGO	.125	2	8	1	1	0	0	1	3	2
						Tucson (AAA)	.297	58	246	52	73	2	15	29	40	29
22	James Darnell	R-R	6-2	195	1/19/87	SAN DIEGO	.222	18	45	2	10	1	7	5	7	1
						Tucson (AAA)	.261	35	134	20	35	6	17	16	30	0
						San Antonio (AA)	.333	76	288	62	96	17	62	52	48	2
12	Logan Forsythe	R-R	6-1	205	1/14/87	SAN DIEGO	.213	62	150	12	32	0	12	12	33	3
						Tucson (AAA)	.326	46	178	41	58	8	34	33	50	8
15	Jesus Guzman	R-R	6-1	215	6/14/84	SAN DIEGO	.312	76	247	33	77	5	44	22	43	9
						Tucson (AAA)	.332	63	244	40	81	8	57	34	42	4
7	Chase Headley	S-R	6-2	200	5/9/84	SAN DIEGO	.289	113	381	43	110	4	44	52	92	13
1	Orlando Hudson	S-R	6-0	190	12/12/77	SAN DIEGO	.246	119	398	54	98	7	43	49	84	19
						Tucson (AAA)	.750	2	4	4	3	0	1	3	0	0
						Lake Elsinore (A)	.571	4	7	6	4	1	3	6	0	2
3	Andy Parrino	S-R	6-0	180	10/31/85	SAN DIEGO	.182	24	44	3	8	0	4	9	17	1
						Tucson (AAA)	.327	48	153	26	50	3	24	16	25	2
						San Antonio (AA)	.303	40	152	28	46	9	32	22	40	3
	Edinson Rincon	R-R	6-1	185	8/11/90	Lake Elsinore (A)	.329	74	298	54	98	8	50	32	59	1
						AZL Padres (R)	.300	3	10	0	3	0	1	1	1	0
64	Jeddy Valdez	R-R	5-10	185	5/5/89	Lake Elsinore (A)	.295	122	516	93	152	15	92	31	108	34
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
88	Kyle Blanks	R-R	6-6	270	9/11/86	SAN DIEGO	.229	55	170	21	39	7	26	16	51	2
						Tucson (AAA)	.351	35	134	36	47	11	35	16	37	0
						San Antonio (AA)	.282	44	177	33	50	4	27	17	41	3
13	Chris Denorfia	R-R	6-0	195	7/15/80	SAN DIEGO	.277	111	307	38	85	5	19	28	49	11
						Tucson (AAA)	.118	7	17	0	2	0	0	3	4	0
						Lake Elsinore (A)	.667	2	6	1	4	0	0	2	0	1
	Mark Kotsay	L-L	6-0	210	12/2/75	MILWAUKEE	.270	104	233	18	63	3	31	21	27	3
	Rymer Liriano	R-R	6-0	211	6/20/91	Lake Elsinore (A)	.127	15	55	8	7	0	6	6	13	1
						Fort Wayne (A)	.319	116	455	81	145	12	62	47	95	65
24	Cameron Maybin	R-R	6-3	210	4/4/87	SAN DIEGO	.264	137	516	82	136	9	40	44	125	40
						Tucson (AAA)	.200	3	10	1	2	0	1	1	2	1
	Carlos Quentin	R-R	6-2	235	8/28/82	CHICAGO AL	.254	118	421	53	107	24	77	34	84	1
23	Blake Tekotte	L-R	5-11	175	5/24/87	SAN DIEGO	.176	19	34	1	6	0	1	4	21	2
						San Antonio (AA)	.285	106	414	77	118	19	67	67	108	36
25	Will Venable	L-L	6-2	205	10/29/82	SAN DIEGO	.246	121	370	49	91	9	44	31	92	26
						Tucson (AAA)	.276	14	58	14	16	3	11	5	13	3



SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

**2012
PREDICTION**

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**2011
RECORD**
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**FIVE-YEAR
WIN TREND**

2007	71	5th
2008	72	4th
2009	88	3rd
2010	92	1st
2011	86	2nd

FANTASY TICKER

BLUE CHIP BOPPER ♦ 3B Pablo Sandoval

HIGH-DIVIDEND HURLER ♦ SP Tim Lincecum

BUY LOW ♦ OF/1B Brandon Belt

SELL HIGH ♦ OF Melky Cabrera



MEDICAL (IN) SECURITIES ♦ C Buster Posey

IPO ♦ SS Brandon Crawford

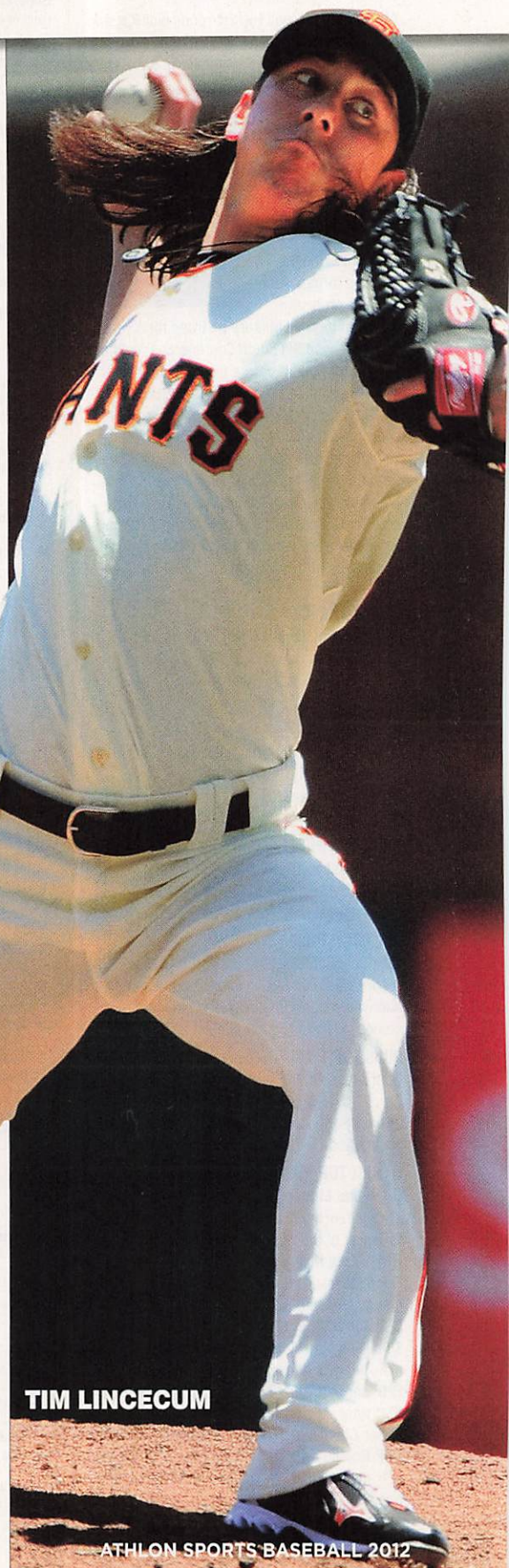
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INSIDER TIP ♦ Ryan Vogelsong and Cabrera are set up for two of the most precipitous fantasy collapses in the hobby.

The Giants are trying to get back into the postseason after a post-World Series season in which almost nothing went right. Once again, they will rely on their pitching, just as they did to win the World Series in 2010 and to win 86 games and stay in contention last year. Their 3.20 ERA was second in the NL in 2011, and they return every key pitcher except Jonathan Sanchez, who did not have a good year. The upgrades to an offense that was the worst in the league are mostly "incremental," which is GM-speak for "moves that probably won't make much difference." The most significant newcomers are Angel Pagan and Melky Cabrera, neither of whom is an impact player. A bigger boost could come from Buster Posey and Freddy Sanchez bouncing back from injuries, or from Aubrey Huff continuing the every-other-year pattern of his career.

ROTATION It doesn't get much better than the top two in this rotation, with two-time Cy Young winner Tim Lincecum and the quietly dominating Matt Cain. Lincecum was just as good as he's ever been, except he was victimized by criminal run support. The Giants scored 2.8 runs per start for Lincecum. Cain is used to that sort of thing, as his career 69-73 record, with a 3.35 ERA, attests. Young Madison Bumgarner is certainly better than most No. 3s. The 22-year-old cracked the 200-innings barrier last year, despite worries that his workload in 2010 might cause him problems. Ryan Vogelsong was the surprise of the staff, making the All-Star team after coming back from a three-year detour to Japan and another year in the minors. One of the big questions for the Giants will be whether Vogelsong was a one-year wonder. Finally, the most expensive No. 5 starter in the majors: Barry Zito. He has teased the Giants with good work for three or four weeks at a time, but not much more over his disastrous five years in San Francisco. At this point the Giants would just be happy if he could soak up league average innings.

BULLPEN Traditionally it's hard to put together back-to-back good years out of a bullpen without changing the personnel because relievers, by their nature, are so inconsistent year to year. The Giants bucked the trend last year, though. Despite All-Star closer Brian Wilson missing the start of the season with an injury and having a few more struggles than usual (he still saved 36 games with a 3.11 ERA), the Giants posted a relief ERA of 3.04, second-best in the league. Sergio Romo emerged as a lights-out set-up man, at one stretch retiring 30 consecutive batters over 14 games. Lefties Javier Lopez and Jeremy Affeldt held lefties to a combined .154 average. Santiago Casilla, who seemed sure to come back to earth after a



TIM LINCECUM

DIFFERENCE MAKER AUBREY HUFF

If Huff can turn back the clock and reproduce 2010, the Giants will be in very good shape offensively. When he's going good at the plate, Huff is a natural leader in the clubhouse. If he slumps again, as he did in 2011, there's a good chance he'll find himself out of the lineup entirely, because the Giants will want to give Brandon Belt more time. If Huff goes to the bench, he could either be a clubhouse distraction as a disgruntled veteran or a model cheerleader. It could go either way. The Giants are hoping they don't have to find out.

2010 that was so much better than the rest of his career, posted a 1.74 ERA. Perhaps the Giants are pressing their luck, but they will essentially have the same bullpen for a third consecutive season.

MIDDLE INFIELD The Giants acquired Sanchez in a 2009 deadline trade, but they still haven't seen a full season from the former batting champ. He's been injured every year. Last year's separated shoulder was so severe that it's no sure thing Sanchez will be fully recovered by the start of spring training. When he has been out there, he's been consistent at the plate, hitting between .284 and .292 in each season with the Giants. Shortstop will once again be an issue, as it has been every year since Omar Vizquel left after the 2008 season. Brandon Crawford is in line to get the first shot at the job, even though his résumé doesn't show any reason to believe he can hit in the majors. He's a career .266 in the minors, and he hit .204 in the majors last year. The Giants couldn't afford to get an upgrade, so they'll take Crawford's above-average defense and hope he can be a respectable No. 8 hitter.

CORNER INFIELD Pablo Sandoval saved his career with his bounce-back season in 2011, hitting .315 with 23 homers and earning an All-Star berth. His defense went from abysmal to above average. Funny what the loss of 40 pounds can do for you. Now, the challenge for Sandoval is to keep it going. If he relaxes at all, the weight will surely come back. On the other side of the diamond, the Giants could use another revival from Huff. Like Sandoval, Huff fell victim to poor conditioning during his down season. The difference is that Huff is now 35, so he's got that going against him, too. His career has been marked by alternating good and bad years, but no one is assuming a rebound for him because of his age.

OUTFIELD None of the starters from the World Series team is back. There's also not much depth, because the only true outfielders are the three starters, with converted infielders as the backups. Left and center figure to be manned by two newcomers, Cabrera and Pagan. The alignment is going to be determined in spring training, but Pagan will probably get the first crack at center. Both players are coming off years that may have been aberrations, and the Giants are hoping that's the case for Pagan (.694 OPS with the Mets) and not Cabrera (.809 OPS with the Royals). If either is motivated by money, that will benefit the Giants, as both are eligible for free agency after the 2012 season. Nate Schierholtz is expected to start in right. An excellent defender but not a prototypical corner outfield bat, Schierholtz has a career .727 OPS, and he's never hit more than nine homers.

CATCHING Posey is going into his third year, but he's played only one full season between his first two years in the majors. His sophomore year was cut short by a horrific ankle injury in May. Posey's long rehab kept him mostly

STATISTICIAN

- 16.1 The UZR (Ultimate Zone Rating) for Angel Pagan in center field over the past three years, worst in the majors.
- 28 Hits for lefties, in 182 at-bats, against Jeremy Affeldt and Javier Lopez in 2011.
- 4 Giants starters who got Cy Young votes in 2011.
- 18 Consecutive seasons Bruce Bochy has been a big league manager, the longest active streak in MLB now that Tony La Russa retired.
- 6 Shortstops who have played at least 30 games for the Giants over the past three seasons.
- .292 OBP by Giants leadoff hitters in 2011, second-worst in the NL.
- 8 Pitchers in MLB history, including Tim Lincecum, to record 1,000 strikeouts in their first five seasons.

GIANTS

BATTING ORDER

CF Angel Pagan (S)	OPS declined two years in a row, but still hit better than Andres Torres in '11.
2B Freddy Sanchez (R)	Has hit .290 since coming to the Giants, but hasn't stayed healthy for a full season.
3B Pablo Sandoval (S)	Career back on track after 2010, now must string two good years together.
C Buster Posey (R)	Catch-22? His value is behind the plate, but greatest risk of injury there too.
1B Aubrey Huff (L)	He has never had back-to-back full seasons with an OPS below .800, so he's due to bounce back. Maybe.
LF Melky Cabrera (S)	Only 27, so there's still reason to believe his '11 breakout (.809 OPS) was for real.
RF Nate Schierholtz (L)	Giants love his D, but just doesn't have the pop to be an everyday right fielder.
SS Brandon Crawford (L)	Hey, Omar Vizquel was overmatched at the plate when he first got called up, too.

BENCH

1B Brandon Belt (L)	Has to find a way to lay off the high fastballs to hit consistently.
INF Mike Fontenot (L)	Can play shortstop, but Giants will be in trouble if he has to do so very often.
INF Emmanuel Burriss (S)	Speed and plays multiple positions: a lost Hairston brother?
C Chris Stewart (R)	Longtime minor leaguer showed a good arm in opportunity with the Giants in '11.
UT Brett Pill (R)	A late bloomer, the 27-year-old provides some pop off the bench.

ROTATION

RH Tim Lincecum	Two years in a row he's overcome a rough stretch to remind you how good he is.
RH Matt Cain	One of the most underrated players in the majors, period.
LH Madison Bumgarner	First Giant pitcher since Mike McCormick (1960) to pitch 200+ innings in age 21 season.
RH Ryan Vogelsong	What does he do for an encore after being one of baseball's best stories in '11?
LH Barry Zito	If he can just be average, the Giants come out well ahead of most teams in the No. 5 spot.

BULLPEN

RH Brian Wilson (Closer)	Leads major league baseball with 163 saves since start of 2008 season.
RH Sergio Romo	Before his teammate stole his thunder, he had the most famous beard in the bullpen.
LH Javier Lopez	Five of the past six years, Lopez has had an ERA of 3.10 or better.
LH Jeremy Affeldt	Lefties hit .144 against him in '11; also had career-best WHIP of 1.15.
RH Santiago Casilla	The hardest thrower in the Giants bullpen had a 1.74 ERA in '11.
RH Guillermo Mota	Long reliever has 50 plate appearances in 13 years — and two home runs.
LH Dan Runzler	Giants have toyed with him as a starter, so he could get shot if Zito falters.

SPRING TRAINING BATTLES

First base, left field and right field will provide an intricate web of interconnected decisions for manager Bruce Bochy. It starts with Aubrey Huff at first, Melky Cabrera in left, Nate Schierholtz in right and Brandon Belt on the bench, but it could go a lot of directions, depending on who is hitting and how the defense looks. Belt is a first baseman who can play the corner outfield spots, just like Huff. Cabrera and Schierholtz can play either outfield spot.

STATLINE



% SWINGS ON PITCHES OUTSIDE STRIKE ZONE IN 2011	
1. Giants	33.5
2. Astros	33.4
3. Cubs	33.0
4. Royals	32.7
5. White Sox	32.3

Source: Fangraphs.com

HOME GAME
AWAY GAME

APRIL

S	M	T	W	TH	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	ARI	ARI
6	7	8	9	10	COL	COL
11	12	13	14	15	PIT	PIT
16	17	18	19	20	NYM	NYM
21	22	23	24	25	SD	SD
26	27	28	29	30		

MAY

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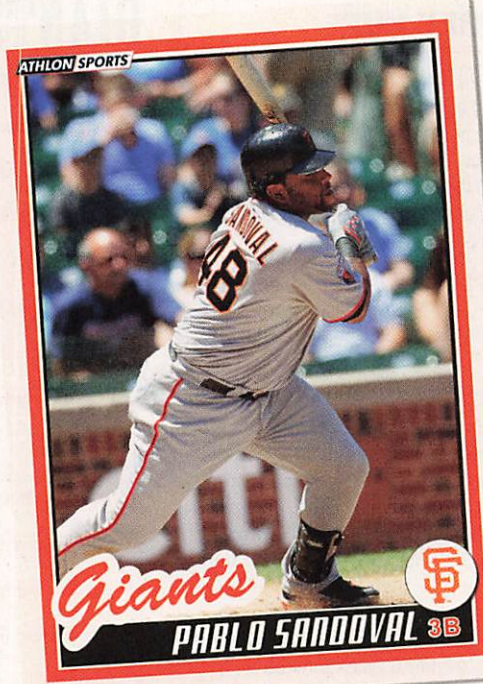
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off the field until the fall, when he began doing some hitting and catching in Arizona. The Giants need Posey to be the offensive force he was in 2010, but that's a lot to ask from a catcher. We're still only assuming he can be that player over the long run, because he hasn't done it yet.

BENCH Brandon Belt is the Giants' most intriguing bench player, because ideally he won't be on the bench at all. The Giants envision him as the long-term answer at first base, but they have Huff there for at least one more year. Belt or Huff could play in the outfield if the Giants want to get both bats in the lineup, but either would be a defensive liability. Mike Fontenot is a solid pro who can play multiple infield positions. He's the primary fallback if Sanchez gets hurt or if Crawford can't cut it. Emmanuel Burriss was rushed to the big leagues and never panned out as the middle infield starter the Giants had hoped, but now he's become a valuable util-

ityman, able to play a few positions, switch-hit and run. Backup catcher Chris Stewart could be a vital bench player, giving the Giants the chance to get Posey a rest from behind the plate.

MANAGEMENT Manager Bruce Bochy and GM Brian Sabean are entering their sixth year working together. Both have ultimate respect for each other and a seemingly solid understanding of each other. There are always questions around both men about a perceived reluctance to let young players play, but the farm system hasn't exactly churned out players who forced their way into the lineup. They will be challenged this year with how to handle youngsters like Crawford and Belt, and how to maximize Posey's value without wearing him down.

FINAL ANALYSIS You have to assume that the Giants are going to be better offensively than they were in 2011, simply because of the return of Posey and Sanchez. However, neither is a lock to be an impact player, Sanchez because of his injury history and Posey because he hasn't proven himself over a full major league season. Most of the position players are journeymen, aging veterans or unproven youngsters, so it would be wrong to count on more than a couple of them being above average. That means it's likely the pitchers who will have to carry this team again. They are good enough to keep the Giants in contention, but it will be up to the hitters to push them over the top.

BEYOND THE BOX SCORE

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

MORE PANDA REPAIRS Pablo Sandoval's project for the winter of 2010-11 was to lose weight, and this past winter he continued his workouts, and also did something to improve his vision. Sandoval underwent LASIK surgery in November to correct a 20/40 impairment in his left eye, his agent, Ryan Morgan, told the *San Jose Mercury News*. Morgan said that Sandoval's problems in that eye helped explain why he hit .324 as a lefty, but .290 as a righty.

BAER TAKES OVER Larry Baer, a longtime voice at the highest levels of the Giants organizational hierarchy, ascended to the top officially when owners approved him to become the managing general partner in November. Baer took over after the group's investors reportedly asked for a change from Bill Neukom, who officially announced his retirement. One of Baer's first items of business was to extend the contracts of GM Brian Sabean and manager Bruce Bochy through 2013. Sabean is the longest-tenured GM in the game, having kept his job since 1996.

ONCE AROUND THE PARK The Giants will continue to honor their history with a unique feature circling AT&T Park. The Giants selected 49 of the most memorable moments during their history in San Francisco, and each was commemorated with an engraved stone that was embedded into the sidewalk around the park. The markers are arranged chronologically, allowing a fan to literally take a walk through Giants history. The path ends at the statue of Willie Mays, in the plaza outside the home plate entrance to the park.

TIME FOR GIVING Jeremy Affeldt, the Giants nominee two years in a row for the Roberto Clemente Award, spent time and money this winter on a new project. "Something to Eat," was a project that involved Affeldt and others packaging food to be sent to Kenya. Affeldt flew from his home in Spokane, Wash., to the Bay Area in December to help with the work. Affeldt had also been involved in projects in Uganda, Brazil and Thailand and worked on "Not For Sale," an organization that fought human trafficking.

FARM SYSTEM

2011 TOP DRAFT PICK JOE PANIK

While many first-round picks lose much of the summer after the draft in protracted negotiations, Panik signed with the Giants just days after the draft. The shortstop out of St. John's got into the minors quickly and he made the most of his time. Panik hit .341 and won the MVP award in the Class-A Northwest League. After that, he headed to the Arizona Fall League, where he hit .323. Because shortstop is an organizational hole, expect the Giants to push Panik as quickly as possible. He is likely to start the season at Class-A San Jose, but he could finish it at Double-A. Don't be surprised if he reaches the majors sometime in 2013. It remains to be seen if Panik can remain at shortstop in the majors. Some have suggested he looks more like a second baseman in the Freddy Sanchez mold.



2010 TOP PICK

Gary Brown, OF, Cal State Fullerton The Giants' top prospect, Brown hit .336 with a .407 OBP at Class A. He'll likely start at Double-A, but he may reach the majors by the end of this season.

2009 TOP PICK

Zack Wheeler, RHP, East Paulding (Ga.) HS Traded to the Mets last summer for Carlos Beltran, Wheeler had a combined 3.52 ERA at Class A, including 2.00 in the Mets system.

2008 TOP PICK

Buster Posey, C, Florida State Two years after the draft, Posey was the everyday catcher on a World Series winner. The Giants are hoping for a bounce-back 2012 after an ankle injury cost him most of 2011.

2007 TOP PICK

Madison Bumgarner, LHP, South Caldwell (N.C.) HS The lefty joined the Giants rotation at age 20 in 2010, and last year he reached the 200-inning milestone and even found his way onto one Cy Young ballot.

2006 TOP PICK

Tim Lincecum, RHP, Washington Can't find any fault with this pick. Lincecum is a two-time Cy Young winner, a four-time All-Star and one of the game's few true aces.

OTHER TOP PROSPECTS (AGE)

RHP Kyle Crick (19) Look away from his 6.43 ERA in Rookie ball.

RHP Heath Hembree (23) With 14.0 K/9 in the minors, this prototypical closer could be in the Giants bullpen in 2012.

C/1B Tommy Joseph (20) Slugging catcher has drawn Mike Napoli comparisons.

OF Francisco Peguero (23) Career .312 average in six minor league seasons, should be at Class AAA in 2012.

C Andrew Susac (22) Second-round pick out of Oregon State in 2011 models himself after Posey, a backstop with pop.

GIANTS ROSTER

General Manager: Brian R. Sabean **Manager:** Bruce Bochy **Coaches:** Tim Lincecum (third base), Mark Gardner (bullpen), Roberto Kelly (first base), Hensley Meulens (batting), Dave Righetti (pitching), Ron Wotus (bench)



No.	Pitchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	BB	SO	
41	Jeremy Affeldt	L-L	6-4	230	6/6/79	SAN FRANCISCO	3-2	2.63	67	0	3	61.2	47	24	54	
40	Madison Bumgarner	R-L	6-5	225	8/1/89	SAN FRANCISCO	13-13	3.21	33	33	0	204.2	202	46	191	
18	Matt Cain	R-R	6-3	230	10/1/84	SAN FRANCISCO	12-11	2.88	33	33	0	221.2	177	63	179	
46	Santiago Casilla	R-R	6-0	220	7/25/80	SAN FRANCISCO	2-2	1.74	49	0	6	51.2	33	25	45	
						Fresno (AAA)	0-0	1.80	4	0	0	5.0	3	1	4	
						San Jose (A)	0-0	0.00	2	2	0	3.0	3	2	1	
	Hector Correa	R-R	6-3	165	3/18/88	Richmond (AA)	4-1	3.20	23	0	1	39.1	33	12	32	
						San Jose (A)	3-1	1.93	20	0	2	42.0	20	12	37	
65	Steve Edlefsen	S-R	6-2	195	6/27/85	SAN FRANCISCO	0-0	9.53	13	0	0	11.1	17	10	6	
						Fresno (AAA)	2-4	5.66	32	0	1	41.1	50	19	29	
						AZL Giants (R)	0-0	2.70	4	0	0	3.1	4	4	6	
55	Tim Lincecum	L-R	5-11	165	6/15/84	SAN FRANCISCO	13-14	2.74	33	33	0	217.0	176	86	220	
49	Javier Lopez	L-L	6-4	220	7/11/77	SAN FRANCISCO	5-2	2.72	70	0	1	53.0	42	26	40	
59	Guillermo Mota	R-R	6-6	240	7/25/73	SAN FRANCISCO	2-2	3.81	52	0	1	80.1	71	30	77	
	Danny Otero	R-R	6-3	205	2/19/85	Fresno (AAA)	2-3	3.25	33	0	12	36.0	38	7	36	
						Richmond (AA)	2-1	1.42	23	0	1	38.0	34	4	40	
54	Sergio Romo	R-R	5-10	185	3/4/83	SAN FRANCISCO	3-1	1.50	65	0	1	48.0	29	5	70	
						AZL Giants (R)	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	1.0	1	0	3	
45	Dan Runzler	L-L	6-4	235	3/30/85	SAN FRANCISCO	1-2	6.26	31	1	0	27.1	29	16	25	
						Fresno (AAA)	2-3	3.98	17	10	0	52.0	47	32	59	
47	Eric Surkamp	L-L	6-4	190	7/16/87	SAN FRANCISCO	2-2	5.74	6	6	0	26.2	32	17	13	
						Richmond (AA)	10-4	2.02	23	22	0	142.1	110	44	165	
						San Jose (A)	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	6.0	4	1	5	
32	Ryan Vogelsong	R-R	6-4	215	7/22/77	SAN FRANCISCO	13-7	2.71	30	28	0	179.2	164	61	139	
						Fresno (AAA)	2-0	1.59	2	2	0	11.1	8	5	17	
38	Brian Wilson	R-R	6-2	205	3/16/82	SAN FRANCISCO	6-4	3.11	57	0	36	55.0	50	31	54	
75	Barry Zito	L-L	6-2	205	5/13/78	SAN FRANCISCO	3-4	5.87	13	9	0	53.2	51	24	32	
						Fresno (AAA)	2-0	2.55	3	3	0	17.2	10	5	17	
						San Jose (A)	2-1	2.53	3	3	0	21.1	15	5	19	
No.	Catchers	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
28	Buster Posey	R-R	6-1	220	3/27/87	SAN FRANCISCO	.284	45	162	17	46	4	21	18	30	3
29	Hector Sanchez	S-R	5-11	235	11/17/89	SAN FRANCISCO	.258	13	31	0	8	0	1	3	6	0
						Fresno (AAA)	.261	46	153	15	40	1	26	13	22	0
						San Jose (A)	.302	52	212	31	64	11	58	11	49	0
37	Chris Stewart	R-R	6-4	215	2/19/82	SAN FRANCISCO	.204	67	162	20	33	3	10	16	18	0
						Fresno (AAA)	.221	33	95	9	21	0	10	11	16	3
22	Eli Whiteside	R-R	6-2	220	10/22/79	SAN FRANCISCO	.197	82	213	14	42	4	17	18	59	2
No.	Infielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
78	Ehire Adrianza	S-R	6-0	170	8/21/89	San Jose (A)	.300	56	230	34	69	3	27	23	46	5
						Augusta (A)	.231	38	143	18	33	3	17	18	32	3
9	Brandon Belt	L-L	6-5	220	4/20/88	SAN FRANCISCO	.225	63	187	21	42	9	18	20	57	3
						Fresno (AAA)	.309	49	165	32	51	8	32	42	47	4
						San Jose (A)	.462	4	13	3	6	0	4	5	1	1
2	Emmanuel Burriss	S-R	6-0	205	1/17/85	SAN FRANCISCO	.204	59	137	14	28	0	4	6	17	11
						Fresno (AAA)	.297	45	175	31	52	2	10	22	19	24
35	Brandon Crawford	L-R	6-2	215	1/21/87	SAN FRANCISCO	.204	66	196	22	40	3	21	23	31	1
						Fresno (AAA)	.234	29	107	13	25	1	9	9	20	5
						San Jose (A)	.322	14	59	14	19	3	15	9	13	0
	Charlie Culberson	R-R	6-1	200	4/10/89	Richmond (AA)	.259	137	553	69	143	10	56	22	129	14
14	Mike Fontenot	L-R	5-8	165	6/9/80	SAN FRANCISCO	.227	85	220	22	50	4	21	25	48	5
						Fresno (AAA)	.219	10	32	5	7	1	3	5	4	0
50	Conor Gillaspie	L-R	6-1	195	7/18/87	SAN FRANCISCO	.263	15	19	2	5	1	2	2	1	0
						Fresno (AAA)	.297	124	428	63	127	11	61	66	79	9
17	Aubrey Huff	L-R	6-4	225	12/20/76	SAN FRANCISCO	.246	150	521	45	128	12	59	47	90	5
6	Brett Pill	R-R	6-4	210	9/9/84	SAN FRANCISCO	.300	15	50	7	15	2	9	2	8	0
						Fresno (AAA)	.312	133	536	82	167	25	107	25	54	6
21	Freddy Sanchez	R-R	6-0	200	12/21/77	SAN FRANCISCO	.289	60	239	21	69	3	24	13	35	0
48	Pablo Sandoval	S-R	5-11	240	8/11/86	SAN FRANCISCO	.315	117	426	55	134	23	70	32	63	2
						Fresno (AAA)	.278	5	18	4	5	2	7	2	0	0
						San Jose (A)	.000	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Angel Villalona	R-R	6-3	200	8/13/90	MISSED SEASON										
No.	Outfielders	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	2011 Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
	Melky Cabrera	S-L	6-0	200	8/11/84	KANSAS CITY	.305	155	658	102	201	18	87	35	94	20
51	Justin Christian	R-R	6-1	190	4/3/80	SAN FRANCISCO	.255	18	47	6	12	0	4	2	8	3
						Fresno (AAA)	.338	64	237	57	80	10	41	35	31	36
						Richmond (AA)	.256	73	273	46	70	4	32	23	31	18
	Tyler Graham	R-R	6-0	180	1/25/84	Fresno (AAA)	.273	127	414	82	113	1	31	31	80	60
	Roger Kieschnick	L-R	6-3	215	1/21/87	Richmond (AA)	.255	126	459	71	117	16	65	34	121	13
	Angel Pagan	S-R	6-2	200	7/2/81	NEW YORK NL	.262	123	478	68	125	7	56	44	62	32
						St. Lucie (A)	.226	8	31	6	7	1	2	4	5	0
62	Francisco Peguero	R-R	5-11	195	6/1/88	Richmond (AA)	.309	71	285	34	88	5	37	5	45	8
						San Jose (A)	.324	16	68	12	22	2	9	7	8	4
12	Nate Schierholtz	L-R	6-1	205	2/15/84	SAN FRANCISCO	.278	115	335	42	93	9	41	21	61	7

Fantasy BASEBALL

by Bruce Herman

Top 100

1. Albert Pujols
2. Troy Tulowitzki
3. Matt Kemp
4. Miguel Cabrera
5. Robinson Cano
6. Carlos Gonzalez
7. Adrian Gonzalez
8. Justin Verlander
9. Clayton Kershaw
10. Roy Halladay
11. Dustin Pedroia
12. Justin Upton
13. Jose Bautista
14. Jacoby Ellsbury
15. Jered Weaver
16. Joey Votto
17. Prince Fielder
18. Jose Reyes
19. Josh Hamilton
20. Cliff Lee
21. David Price
22. Mark Teixeira
23. Cole Hamels
24. Felix Hernandez
25. Tim Lincecum
26. Curtis Granderson
27. Starlin Castro
28. Ian Kinsler
29. Ryan Zimmerman
30. Craig Kimbrel
31. Adrian Beltre
32. John Axford
33. David Wright
34. Evan Longoria
35. Stephen Strasburg
36. Jonathan Papelbon
37. Matt Cain
38. Hanley Ramirez
39. Andrew McCutchen
40. Chase Utley
41. Matt Holliday
42. Eric Hosmer
43. Hunter Pence
44. Joe Mauer
45. Carl Crawford
46. Madison Bumgarner
47. Dan Haren
48. Carlos Santana
49. Jon Lester
50. Drew Storen
51. Shin-Soo Choo
52. Brian McCann
53. Josh Johnson
54. Yovani Gallardo
55. Billy Butler
56. Mariano Rivera
57. Mike Napoli
58. Kevin Youkilis
59. Pablo Sandoval
60. Matt Wieters
61. Jose Valverde
62. Miguel Montero
63. Jay Bruce
64. Elvis Andrus
65. Ricky Romero
66. Zack Greinke
67. CC Sabathia
68. Brandon Phillips
69. Buster Posey
70. Paul Konerko
71. Brett Lawrie
72. David Ortiz
73. Freddie Freeman
74. Josh Beckett
75. James Shields
76. Tommy Hanson
77. Michael Pineda
78. Michael Young
79. Ryan Braun
80. Michael Bourn
81. Ryan Howard
82. Ike Davis
83. Alex Gordon
84. Mike Stanton
85. Justin Morneau
86. Brian Wilson
87. Ben Zobrist
88. Adam Jones
89. Johnny Cueto
90. Nick Markakis
91. Aramis Ramirez
92. Adam Wainwright
93. Ian Kennedy
94. Heath Bell
95. Howard Kendrick
96. Nelson Cruz
97. Rickie Weeks
98. Dan Uggla
99. Asdrubal Cabrera
100. Michael Cuddyer



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CATCHERS



TIER 1

1. Joe Mauer, Twins Although the sickly Mauer may have to play the season in a Hazmat suit, his combination of résumé and career stage makes him the No. 1 choice at this perennially anemic position and a potential "best buy." Target Field precludes anything resembling his .365-28-96-94 showing of 2009, but even .300-15-80-70 is something no catcher's done since then.

2. Carlos Santana, Indians Though it's just his second full season, we're confident in projecting Santana as the 2012 positional HR and RBI leader. Of his last 90 hits, 47 went for extra bases. The rub is that his average was never above .245 after April 10, but .270 should be doable this time around.

3. Brian McCann, Braves McCann is the safest — if not the highest-ceilinged — pick in the tier, given that only three catchers (Yogi Berra, Mike Piazza, Jorge Posada) have ever exceeded his ongoing six-season run with minimums of 13 homers and 71 RBIs. His other categories are essentially neutral.

4. Mike Napoli, Rangers We were all over Napoli last year ("Thirty homers wouldn't surprise..." — exactly what he hit), albeit as a projected DH. Now that he's unambiguously a catcher (with some moonlighting at 1B), he merits a whole new level of fantasy deference. He holds the all-time record at the position with a HR in 6.6% of his ABs, but there are few prospects of anything close to another .320 AVG.

TIER 2

1. Joe Mauer, Twins
2. Carlos Santana, Indians
3. Brian McCann, Braves
4. Mike Napoli, Rangers
5. Matt Wieters, Orioles
6. Miguel Montero, Diamondbacks
7. Buster Posey, Giants (F)

TIER 3

8. Alex Avila, Tigers
9. Wilson Ramos, Nationals (B)
10. Jesus Montero, Mariners
11. J.P. Arencibia, Blue Jays

TIER 4

12. Yadier Molina, Cardinals (E)
13. Kurt Suzuki, Athletics
14. Jonathan Lucroy, Brewers
15. Geovany Soto, Cubs
16. Devin Mesoraco, Reds (C)
17. Sal Perez, Royals
18. Russell Martin, Yankees (E)
19. Chris Iannetta, Angels
20. John Buck, Marlins

TIER 5

21. Ramon Hernandez, Rockies
22. Jarrod Saltalamacchia, Red Sox
23. Josh Thole, Mets
24. Carlos Ruiz, Phillies
25. Rod Barajas, Pirates
26. A.J. Pierzynski, White Sox (E)
27. Nick Hundley, Padres
28. Jason Castro, Astros (C,F)

TIER 6

29. Miguel Olivo, Mariners (E)
30. A.J. Ellis, Dodgers
31. Ryan Hanigan, Reds
32. Yasmani Grandal, Padres (G)
33. Wilin Rosario, Rockies (C,D,G)
34. Kelly Shoppach, Red Sox
35. Ronny Paulino, Free Agent
36. Yorvit Torrealba, Rangers
37. Jose Molina, Rays
38. Ryan Lavanway, Red Sox (C,D,G)
39. Lou Marson, Indians
40. Tyler Flowers, White Sox (D,G)

5. Matt Wieters, Orioles Wieters is looking a lot like McCann at this point, although he's three years behind Brian's age curve. Doubtful if there's a ton more upside left, but 2011-type lines (.262-22-68-72) should be the norm for awhile.

6. Miguel Montero, Diamondbacks In the two years (2009, 2011) he's been the Snakes' primary catcher, Montero has averaged .288-17-73-63. That's good stuff, but his injury proclivity casts a shadow.

7. Buster Posey, Giants (F) As he's yet to play a full season, what we've seen from Posey to date is nothing more than a few bona fide hot streaks. Clearly he can be a special player, but, like Mauer, he's emasculated by his ballpark (.697 career OPS at home, .915 elsewhere).

TIER 7

8. Alex Avila, Tigers Avila can hit, but whether he can hit .295-19-82-63 again is dubious. The AL's third-highest batting average on balls in play (BABIP) at .366 suggests that many of the holes he found were providential.

9. Wilson Ramos, Nationals (B) Ramos pinged .227 in a May-through-August malaise, but he bracketed that with .358 in both April and September. One of our sleeper specials last year at 23, he'll round out those edges and edge into 20-jack territory very soon.

10. Jesus Montero, Mariners Montero is this year's Santana, but with all the breathless expectations and hold-your-breath uncertainties of being four years younger. His .996 OPS was the fifth-highest ever at his plate appearance level (69) by a 21-year-old in his first season. But will he follow in the footsteps of

three of those ahead of him (Willie McCovey, Ted Williams, Albert Pujols) — or the fourth (Darin Barton)?

11. J.P. Arencibia, Blue Jays Arencibia is all about how you weigh 25 homers and 75 RBIs against 350 outs. Matt Nokes and Piazza are the only rookies ever to have hit more bombs, all as a catcher. Then again, only Adam Dunn and Vernon Wells had a lower 2011 AVG (.219) at his plate appearance level.

TIER 8

12. Yadier Molina, Cardinals (E) Molina obliged the fantasy "age-28 rule" with personal bests of .305-14-65-55, but his prospectus is more aligned to his full-season career norms of .274-8-54-38. A major attraction is that he's kind of a robo-catcher who, unlike most at the position, is predictably decent.

13. Kurt Suzuki, Athletics Batted .276 in 2008-09, then .240 in 2010-11. Combined for 86 RBIs in '08 and '11, but 159 in '09-10. See the pattern here? Neither do we. One thing you can count on is that he'll play — an AL-high 528 games caught in that span.

14. Jonathan Lucroy, Brewers Ran out of gas last year (.188 AVG in his last 34 games), but slightly exceeded expectations. More apt to be serviceable than a star.

15. Geovany Soto, Cubs His seasons can be characterized as huge-poor-good-fair, in that order. Even when he's got his "Arencibia" on, he has value since McCann and Napoli are the sole catchers to have hit more home runs since 2008.

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BATTING AVERAGE

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| 1. Miguel Cabrera | 11. Starlin Castro |
| 2. Adrian Gonzalez | 12. Michael Young |
| 3. Albert Pujols | 13. David Freese |
| 4. Joe Mauer | 14. Carlos Gonzalez |
| 5. Robinson Cano | 15. Troy Tulowitzki |
| 6. Joey Votto | 16. Jose Reyes |
| 7. Josh Hamilton | 17. Dustin Pedroia |
| 8. Billy Butler | 18. Matt Kemp |
| 9. Pablo Sandoval | 19. Jacoby Ellsbury |
| 10. Matt Holliday | 20. Ryan Zimmerman |





FIRST BASEMEN

TIER 1

1. Albert Pujols, Angels (A) Let's say you signed Pujols to a 10-year contract back in 2002. Your fantasy crew would have gleaned 47 BA points, 187 homers, 440 RBIs, 466 runs and even 63 steals more than the median first baseman with 2,000 more plate appearances in that decade. And as for 2012, Angel Stadium plays better for right-handed hitters than Busch. Heck, Albert fractured his wrist last June and still only missed 14 games. Incomparable and indestructible.

2. Miguel Cabrera, Tigers (A) Cabrera is now one of three active players to have won a league title in each of the triple crown categories, joining Pujols and A-Rod. The gap between him and first base preeminence is this: no 40-homer and two 120-RBI seasons to six of each for Albert. Not a bad consolation prize, though.

3. Adrian Gonzalez, Red Sox (A) We jumped Gonzalez 34 spots in our 2011 preseason top 100 after he signed with Boston, and even that played out as a bit conservative. He wound up leading the bigs in AVG on contact to the opposite field (.500) and the AL in opposite-field homers (10) — a Fenway effect that makes him a top-10 roto hitter.

4. Joey Votto, Reds (A) Votto's power is a tad short of the first base elite, but he's likely going to hit .025 higher than anybody on the list below him. No player laced line drives at a higher rate (26%) last year, and his .363 AVG with runners in scoring position since 2009 is 25 points higher than anyone else in the majors.

5. Prince Fielder, Free Agent (A) Fielder is so feared that only 38.0% of pitches to him were in the strike zone — lowest among regulars. There's a good reason for that; only Pujols matches his hits-homers-ribs triumvirate since 2006. If he relocates to a friendly venue, slip him ahead of Votto.

6. Mark Teixeira, Yankees (A) Teixeira's AVGs have regressed from .308 to .292 to .256 to .248, yet he's kept his HR sum steady from 33 to 39, and his RBIs between 108 and 122. His BABIPs imply there's no cause for alarm; he should settle in the .280-.285 window.

TIER 2

7. Eric Hosmer, Royals (A) .357 AVG and .965 OPS in his last 34 games tells us that Hosmer's the real deal. Just 34 walks all year tells us that he has work to do, but also that there's tons more upside. We're actually projecting Hosmer ahead of Teixeira, but the raw numbers must be tempered by the fact that Tex has been doing it eight years longer.

8. Paul Konerko, White Sox (E) With two of his five best seasons occurring at ages 34-35, Konerko has proven to be a durable commodity. He is, however, edging toward DH-dom, and his lineup protection is evaporating.

9. Freddie Freeman, Braves Hosmer's NL doppelganger...six weeks older, a highly analogous stats overlay and almost indistinguishable promise (although we lean a bit to Eric). No 21-year-old first baseman since Orlando Cepeda in 1959 had as many hits (161) or homers (21).

10. Ryan Howard, Phillies (F) A guaranteed full year of Howard would bounce him into the bottom of the first tier, so this will be the most-watched Achilles since the Trojan War. Whenever he returns (estimates range from Opening Day to June), keep in mind his 2010-11 HR-RBI totals were off an average of 18-31 from 2006-09, and that his five-year AVG is merely .266.

11. Ike Davis, Mets (C,F) Davis was off to a big start before a mysteriously persistent ankle injury wiped him out in May. He purports to be 100% now, but since he declined surgery, there's some unease. The out-of-sight/out-of-mind effect could make him a bargain at your draft, so you'd have to be out of your mind not to have him in your sights.

12. Justin Morneau, Twins (F) Morneau's missed roughly half of each of the last two schedules with numerous maladies, but when last seen completely healthy (July 2010), he was playing at an MVP level. His spring training will be a page-turner.

13. Paul Goldschmidt, Diamondbacks (C) The Minor League Player of the Year in some circles and Double-A Hitter of the Year in others, he showed power, patience and poise during his two-plus months in Phoenix. Not enough contact to be a high-average hitter, but he's a future 30-100 type.

TIER 3

14. Mark Reynolds, Orioles A home run machine (fifth in the majors since 2008) who comes with his usual disclaimer (118th in AVG).

15. Lance Berkman, Cardinals (E) Berkman is a sho-nuff hitter's hitter whose OPS stands in the all-time top 20. He's also a 36-year-old injury time bomb who no longer has Pujols hitting in front of him.

TIER 1

1. Albert Pujols, Angels (A)
2. Miguel Cabrera, Tigers (A)
3. Adrian Gonzalez, Red Sox (A)
4. Joey Votto, Reds (A)
5. Prince Fielder, Free Agent (A)
6. Mark Teixeira, Yankees (A)

TIER 2

7. Eric Hosmer, Royals
8. Paul Konerko, White Sox (E)
9. Freddie Freeman, Braves
10. Ryan Howard, Phillies (F)
11. Ike Davis, Mets (C,F)
12. Justin Morneau, Twins (F)
13. Paul Goldschmidt, Diamondbacks (C)

TIER 3

14. Mark Reynolds, Orioles
15. Lance Berkman, Cardinals (E)
16. Adam Lind, Blue Jays
17. Gaby Sanchez, Marlins
18. James Loney, Dodgers
19. Adam LaRoche, Nationals (F)
20. Carlos Peña, Free Agent

TIER 4

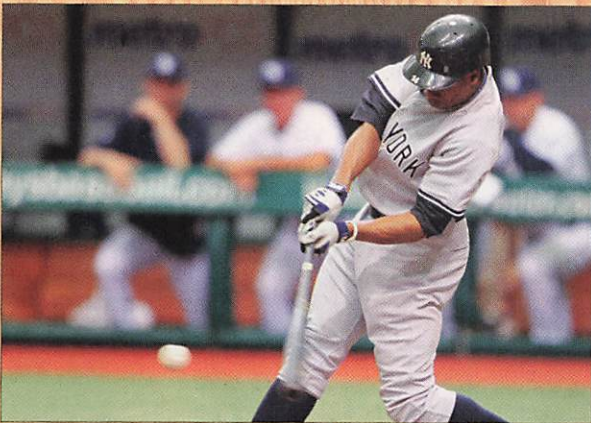
21. Justin Smoak, Mariners (B,C)
22. Todd Helton, Rockies
23. Carlos Lee, Astros
24. Aubrey Huff, Giants
25. Yonder Alonso, Padres
26. Mitch Moreland, Rangers (F)
27. Bryan LaHair, Cubs
28. Luke Scott, Rays (F)

TIER 5

29. Mat Gamel, Brewers (B,C)
30. Casey McGehee, Pirates
31. Jesus Guzman, Padres
32. Garrett Jones, Pirates (E)
33. Matt LaPorta, Indians
34. Casey Kotchman, Free Agent (E)
35. Derrek Lee, Free Agent (E)
36. Anthony Rizzo, Cubs (G)
37. Jim Thome, Phillies (E)
38. Chris Parmelee, Twins (C,D,G)
39. Brett Wallace, Astros (D)
40. Taylor Green, Brewers (G)

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RUNS

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| 1. Curtis Granderson | 11. Joey Votto |
| 2. Albert Pujols | 12. Mark Teixeira |
| 3. Miguel Cabrera | 13. Carlos Gonzalez |
| 4. Dustin Pedroia | 14. Justin Upton |
| 5. Jose Reyes | 15. Jose Bautista |
| 6. Jacoby Ellsbury | 16. Andrew McCutchen |
| 7. Robinson Cano | 17. Elvis Andrus |
| 8. Adrian Gonzalez | 18. Prince Fielder |
| 9. Ian Kinsler | 19. Matt Holliday |
| 10. Matt Kemp | 20. Austin Jackson |

SECOND BASEMEN



TIER 1

1. Robinson Cano, Yankees (A) Cano has distanced himself from the second sack pack with historical decisiveness. He's the only keystone ever with three straight .300-AVG/25-homer/100-run seasons. A stolen base is just a monthly random act of kindness, but the bat is the gift that keeps on giving.

2. Dustin Pedroia, Red Sox (A) Pedroia's speed component puts him in Cano's zip code, if not on the same street. He claimed his own little nook in history last year as the first AL player at any position with 195 hits, 20 home runs, 90 RBIs, 80 walks and 25 stolen bases.

TIER 2

3. Ian Kinsler, Rangers Kinsler has gone 30-30 in two of his six seasons, while missing an average of 44 games in the other four. The fragility and a .262 AVG since 2009 make him a distant third choice to the pair above. But since we're serving up "salad bar stats," note that he was the first AL second baseman with 30 homers, 30 doubles, 100 runs and 80 walks in a season.

4. Chase Utley, Phillies Injuries have fleeced Utley of large chunks of the last two seasons, and of bat zap when he's played. He normed .301-29-101-111-15 from 2005-09, but even extrapolated to 550 ABs since then, he's at .267-19-72-85-19. His winter of leg-strength training might get him most of the way back.

11. Jason Kipnis, Indians Looks for all the world like the second coming of Utley. Blow out his 36-game output to 162, and his .272-32-86-108-23 bears more than a passing resemblance to Chase's career norm of .290-27-101-107-16. Both debuted at 24, and if form holds, Kipnis' true emergence will come in 2013.

12. Danny Espinosa, Nationals Plays every game like he's on the final lap at Indy, but the 166 whiffs and a power outage from 17 homers in his first 95 games to four in his last 63 mean the yellow flag's still out.

13. Kelly Johnson, Blue Jays Maybe the notorious ebb and flow of Johnson's career will stabilize in the hitter-embracing ambiance of Rogers Centre. He's failed to swat .225 two of the last three years, but he's knocked on the 20-20 door the last two.

14. Neil Walker, Pirates With the bases loaded, Walker's a .545 hitter with 1.16 RBI/PA; otherwise, he's .274 and 0.10. So unless you're playing some weird drinking game while watching the Pirates, he's just a mid-pack plugger.

15. Jemile Weeks, Athletics Jemile is gifted with nowhere near the pop of bro Rickie, but he did get the wheels in the family. He rarely walks and he's not going to hit .303 again, but with enough green lights, he should swipe 30 or more bags.

TIER 1

1. Robinson Cano, Yankees (A)
2. Dustin Pedroia, Red Sox (A)

TIER 2

3. Ian Kinsler, Rangers
4. Chase Utley, Phillies
5. Brandon Phillips, Reds
6. Ben Zobrist, Rays

TIER 3

7. Howard Kendrick, Angels
8. Rickie Weeks, Brewers (F)
9. Dan Uggla, Braves
10. Dustin Ackley, Mariners
11. Jason Kipnis, Indians
12. Danny Espinosa, Nationals
13. Kelly Johnson, Blue Jays
14. Neil Walker, Pirates
15. Jemile Weeks, Athletics
16. Aaron Hill, Diamondbacks
17. Brian Roberts, Orioles (F)
18. Daniel Murphy, Mets (B,C,F)
19. Gordon Beckham, White Sox (C)

TIER 4

20. Jose Altuve, Astros (C)
21. Johnny Giavotella, Royals
22. Ryan Raburn, Tigers
23. Omar Infante, Marlins
24. Alexi Casilla, Twins
25. Freddy Sanchez, Giants (F)
26. Darwin Barney, Cubs
27. Mark Ellis, Dodgers
28. Orlando Hudson, Padres (E)

TIER 5

29. Chris Nelson, Rockies (C,G)
30. Ryan Theriot, Free Agent (E)
31. Daniel Descalso, Cardinals
32. Ramon Santiago, Tigers
33. Skip Schumaker, Cardinals
34. Robert Andino, Orioles (D,E)
35. DJ LeMahieu, Rockies (G)
36. Justin Turner, Mets (E)
37. Chris Getz, Royals (D,E)
38. Jason Donald, Indians (D)
39. Nick Punto, Red Sox
40. Jerry Hairston Jr., Dodgers

5. Brandon Phillips, Reds The Tier 2 choice for reliability over snazz. Save one off-year apiece for ribbies and AVG, he's ranged between .275 and .300, 17 and 30 HRs, 75 and 98 RBIs and 78 and 107 Rs each year since 2006. Slowing down perceptibly on the bases — just 30-for-51 the last two years.

6. Ben Zobrist, Rays Zobrist's .269-20-91-99-19 was closer to his 2009 breakout than his 2010 bottom-out — and close to what can be expected going forward. A full 20% of those RBIs came in one unconscious five-day span, so low 80s is more realistic.

TIER 3

7. Howard Kendrick, Angels We finally got a look at what Kendrick can be, as he ratcheted up his personal bests from 10 to 18 in HRs and 67 to 86 in Rs, while staying the course elsewhere. Further progress is constrained by his customary 4-to-1 SO/BB ratio.

8. Rickie Weeks, Brewers (F) There he goes again, failing to play 130 games for the sixth time in seven years. He was right on target to hit the .269-29-83-112-11 bar he set in 2010 before the ankle. Because of his brittleness and recent talk of moving him into the middle of the order, beware of shifting paradigms.

9. Dan Uggla, Braves Uggla's going to get his power numbers; his name's on five of the 31 30-HR seasons by second basemen ever. The batting averages can be toxic: three sub-.250s among his last five, including a .233 last year that was .194 exclusive of his nuttily aberrational 33-game hitting streak.

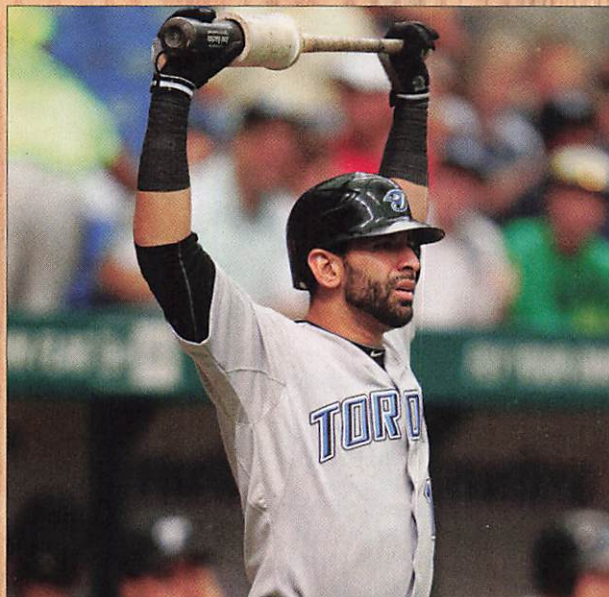
10. Dustin Ackley, Mariners Nothing really jumped out about the heralded Ackley's rookie campaign, and he finished it in a funk, but he's got Pedroia-like tools. A guy you'd rather pounce on too early than too late.

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HOME RUNS

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|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Jose Bautista | 11. Josh Hamilton |
| 2. Albert Pujols | 12. Evan Longoria |
| 3. Prince Fielder | 13. Justin Upton |
| 4. Miguel Cabrera | 14. Adrian Beltre |
| 5. Mark Teixeira | 15. Joey Votto |
| 6. Matt Kemp | 16. Curtis Granderson |
| 7. Mark Reynolds | 17. Carlos Gonzalez |
| 8. Jay Bruce | 18. Adrian Gonzalez |
| 9. Mike Stanton | 19. Dan Uggla |
| 10. Troy Tulowitzki | 20. Carlos Santana |



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THIRD BASEMEN

TIER 1

1. Ryan Zimmerman, Nationals (B) Considering he's played barely 100 games in two of his seasons, the fairest way to assess Zimmerman is the average of his other four: .287-.26-.98-.95-5.

2. Adrian Beltre, Rangers Beltre's voracious surge to end 2011 — 17 homers from Sept. 10 on (including playoffs) — positions him for a monster encore. Led the majors in fewest ABs per RBI (4.6) and percentage of PAs in which he had an extra-base hit (12.4).

3. David Wright, Mets The headline here is the 13-foot-shorter left field fence at Citi Field. After socking 21 homers at home in Shea Stadium's finale, Wright has managed only 22 in three years at his new park. Even so, he's amassed more hits and steals, and the second-most RBIs, of any hot cornerman since 2006.

4. Evan Longoria, Rays Playing in a challenging yard and without a lot of protection in the order, Longo must work unusually hard for his stats. A second-half flurry pushed him to familiar HR/RBI level (31/99), but his AVG (.294 to .244) and SBs (15 to 3) collapsed. Drops in BABIP (.336 to .239) is a solid indicator of a rebound.

5. Hanley Ramirez, Marlins Ramirez has been on the southbound train for two years due to injuries, contract security demotivation, lack of conditioning and an overall sketchy attitude. From 2007-09, his OPS (.947) was the same as Mel Ott's. Last year it matched Kosuke Fukudome's. If he embraces his new position and rededicates himself, he could blow away every other third baseman.

TIER 2

6. Kevin Youkilis, Red Sox (F) With no 500-AB season since 2008, the query here is whether Youk's bad-body-ness is finally catching up with him or he's just had some bad luck. He's a fine RBI man no matter what, but the DL trips and .258 AVG after three seasons in the .300s are concerning.

7. Pablo Sandoval, Giants He's still not exactly the Kung-Fu Mantis, but with improved conditioning, Sandoval added .177 to his OPS and recouped his promise. Hit .431 with nearly a third of his homers after Sept. 4.

8. Brett Lawrie, Blue Jays Five active players recorded as many as nine HRs and 35 RBIs in their first 35 big league games, running the gamut from Albert Pujols to Chris Davis to Lawrie. Brett should settle into the upper end of that spectrum; it's just a matter of how you feel about 22-year-olds and small sample sizes.

9. Aramis Ramirez, Brewers For a 33-year power hitter to trim his strikeout rate by 31% is unheard of, but Ramirez did just that to render reports of his demise premature. Career OPS at Miller Park is nearly 100 points below that at Wrigley. With homerless streaks of 170 and 155 ABs in his career, you'll have to hunker down through his streakiness.

10. Alex Rodriguez, Yankees Looking for his first 140-game season since 2007 and coming off his lowest OPS since 1995, A-Rod is now more lottery ticket than meal ticket on a fantasy team. A slowing stick seems like the only explanation for 80 strikeouts in 373 at-bats.

TIER 3

11. David Freese, Cardinals (B) Freese is neither as good as his silly-good postseason explosion, nor as roto-trivial as his star-crossed career to date implies. He's a .300 hitter with legitimate power whose home run numbers are pedestrian because of his opposite-field approach.

12. Mark Trumbo, Angels (E,F) Had more homers than walks (29 to 25), which illustrates the yin and yang that will ultimately define his career — for better or worse. A position switch from first base to either third or DH and a lingering foot injury complicate the issue.

13. Danny Valencia, Twins Currently wandering that no-man's land between 30-homer potential and free-swinging reality. The rare Twin who's been better at Target Field.

14. Mike Moustakas, Royals He had Mario Mendoza looking down at the Moustakas Line until raking .379 from Aug. 17 on — but without the power intimidated by his 46 homers in 173 upper-minors contests.

15. Chase Headley, Padres A couple of dozen third basemen will hit more longballs, but if you can cram that column elsewhere on your roster, Headley is sorta-kind of helpful in the other four.

TIER 1

1. Ryan Zimmerman, Nationals (B)
2. Adrian Beltre, Rangers
3. David Wright, Mets
4. Evan Longoria, Rays
5. Hanley Ramirez, Marlins

TIER 2

6. Kevin Youkilis, Red Sox (F)
7. Pablo Sandoval, Giants
8. Brett Lawrie, Blue Jays
9. Aramis Ramirez, Brewers
10. Alex Rodriguez, Yankees

TIER 3

11. David Freese, Cardinals (B)
12. Mark Trumbo, Angels (E,F)
13. Danny Valencia, Twins
14. Mike Moustakas, Royals
15. Chase Headley, Padres
16. Ryan Roberts, Diamondbacks

TIER 4

17. Lonnie Chisenhall, Indians (C)
18. Pedro Alvarez, Pirates (C)
19. Brent Morel, White Sox
20. Chipper Jones, Braves (F)
21. Chris Davis, Orioles (B,C)
22. Jimmy Paredes, Astros
23. Ian Stewart, Cubs
24. Chone Figgins, Mariners
25. Casey Blake, Rockies (F)
26. Scott Sizemore, A's
27. Scott Rolen, Reds
28. Juan Uribe, Dodgers

TIER 5

29. Nolan Arenado, Rockies (G)
30. Alex Liddi, Mariners (G)
31. Maicer Izturis, Angels
32. Placido Polanco, Phillies (F)
33. Juan Francisco, Reds (C)
34. Alberto Callaspo, Angels
35. Ty Wigginton, Phillies
36. Chris Johnson, Astros
37. Wilson Betemit, Free Agent
38. Brandon Inge, Tigers
39. Kyle Seager, Mariners (D,G)
40. Mike Aviles, Red Sox

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RUNS BATTED IN

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| 1. Albert Pujols | 11. Josh Hamilton |
| 2. Prince Fielder | 12. Adrian Beltre |
| 3. Adrian Gonzalez | 13. Carlos Gonzalez |
| 4. Miguel Cabrera | 14. Ryan Howard |
| 5. Troy Tulowitzki | 15. Evan Longoria |
| 6. Mark Teixeira | 16. David Wright |
| 7. Robinson Cano | 17. Jay Bruce |
| 8. Jose Bautista | 18. Mike Stanton |
| 9. Joey Votto | 19. Hunter Pence |
| 10. Matt Kemp | 20. Carlos Santana |

SHORTSTOPS



TIER 1

1. Troy Tulowitzki, Rockies (A) With the regression and redeployment of Hanley Ramirez, the one-two gap at this position is greater than at any other. Tulo can realistically be projected to provide as many as 10 home runs and 30(!) RBIs more than any other shortstop — and to hit .300 and steal double-digit sacks. Hence, only Pujols is a superior fantasy holding.

TIER 2

2. Jose Reyes, Marlins (A) With all the offseason Reyes racket, it's tempting to think of him as something more than we always have. He's phat at a thin position, but don't go overboard. 2011 was a straight-up typical season for him (rate-wise), with an acute SB decline offsetting a sharp AVG leap. Also typical was his time in drydock. Jose's many talents place him on the periphery of Tier 1; the fact that he's missed more than one of every three games since 2009 keeps him out of it.

TIER 3

3. Starlin Castro, Cubs Castro initiates the "everybody else" portion of the shortstop queue, but he harbors more potential to kick it up a level than the rest of the Tier 3s. The youngest player ever to lead the NL in hits, his power and speed are unfolding, as well. The only impediment is that he still swings at 49% of the pitches he sees — many off the plate.

4. Elvis Andrus, Rangers Once just a 30-SB pea-shooter, Andrus is rounding into offensive relevance. Only four active players (three of whom became major stars) piled up more hits by their age-22 season, and he has more swipes than Reyes did at that age.

TIER 1

1. Troy Tulowitzki, Rockies (A)

TIER 2

2. Jose Reyes, Marlins (A)

TIER 3

3. Starlin Castro, Cubs
4. Elvis Andrus, Rangers
5. Asdrubal Cabrera, Indians (E)
6. Jimmy Rollins, Phillies

TIER 4

7. Alexei Ramirez, White Sox
8. Erick Aybar, Angels
9. Yunel Escobar, Blue Jays
10. J.J. Hardy, Orioles (E)
11. Jhonny Peralta, Tigers (E)
12. Dee Gordon, Dodgers
13. Ian Desmond, Nationals
14. Stephen Drew, Diamondbacks (F)
15. Derek Jeter, Yankees
16. Jed Lowrie, Astros (B,C)
17. Alcides Escobar, Royals
18. Rafael Furcal, Cardinals (F)
19. Cliff Pennington, A's
20. Marco Scutaro, Red Sox
21. Jason Bartlett, Padres
22. Zack Cozart, Reds (C,F)
23. Sean Rodriguez, Rays
24. Alex Gonzalez, Brewers
25. Tyler Pastornicky, Braves

TIER 5

26. Eduardo Nunez, Yankees (D,G)
27. Jamey Carroll, Twins
28. Clint Barmes, Pirates
29. Brendan Ryan, Mariners
30. Brandon Crawford, Giants
31. Ruben Tejada, Mets
32. Reid Brignac, Rays
33. Willie Bloomquist, Diamondbacks
34. Jonathan Herrera, Rockies
35. Tsuyoshi Nishioka, Twins
36. Ronny Cedeno, Mets (E)
37. Yuniesky Betancourt, Royals (E)
38. Everth Cabrera, Padres (D,G)
39. Hak-Ju Lee, Rays (G)
40. Chase d'Arnaud, Pirates (G)

5. Asdrubal Cabrera, Indians (E) Back in 1930, a dude named Ed Morgan hit 26 homers for the Indians after having had only three the year before. In 2011, Cabrera leapt from three to 25. The cautionary tale is that Morgan averaged 4.3 in his other seasons; Asdrubal has averaged 4.5. Just sayin'.

6. Jimmy Rollins, Phillies Segmenting Rollins' career into four-year trimesters, we get (per 162 games): .262-12-61-91-34, .288-21-78-28-38 and .261-14-60-78-31. That's an instructive symmetry.

TIER 4

7. Alexei Ramirez, White Sox At least we know who Ramirez is — nothing awesome, but an uncommonly consistent player whose five category totals have remained within the narrow ranges of .021-6-9-18-7 throughout his four seasons.

8. Erick Aybar, Angels Aybar's SB totals have increased in each of his six seasons, all the way to 30 in 2011. He's been passable with the bat (for the position) in two of the last three, but cannot be drafted with any grandiose expectancies in that department.

9. Yunel Escobar, Blue Jays Escobar is capable of Ramirez-like seasons (minus 10 or so steals), but he's got an inherent erraticism about him and is far more ballpark-dependent. If you're still vacant at SS halfway through your draft, he's as good as any.

10. J.J. Hardy, Orioles (E) As seductive as a 30-homer season can be with such position scarcity, neither history nor Hardy himself can be trusted. Only five shortstops have ever been able to repeat one of those; his mercu-



rial year-to-year totals read: 9-5-26-24-11-6-30. We do know he'll hit around .265 and steal a base only when he misses a sign.

11. Jhonny Peralta, Tigers (E) A .325 BABIP plus 17 infield hits inflated Peralta's .263 career AVG to .299 last year. Though that will retreat, he's an uncannily robust run-producer who's had more hits with runners in scoring position/two outs (113) than anyone in the game since 2007.

12. Dee Gordon, Dodgers If all goes as diagrammed, Gordon will steal at least 40 bases and score at least 80 runs — more if he can sustain the momentum built as the eye-rubbing NL hits leader (42) of last September. Little experience, zero plate patience and less-than-zero power are portents of significant risk.

13. Ian Desmond, Nationals We've been hearing about Desmond's promise for years, but we're just not feeling it. Since he hit .297 from July 30 on after a .224 start, there's still a glimmer, but the only thing sparkling are those 25 steals.

14. Stephen Drew, Diamondbacks (F) Drew was underachieving (even for him) before breaking his ankle in July. Averages of his two best full seasons: .285-18-64-87-7; the other two: .249-12-63-66-7. Flip a coin.

15. Derek Jeter, Yankees If we're talking median starting shortstops over recent decades, we're talking the likes of Orlando Cabrera in the 2000s, Jose Offerman in the 1990s and Spike Owen in the 1980s. That's your reference point for Jeter, 2010s-vintage.



OUTFIELDERS

TIER 1

1. Matt Kemp, Dodgers (A,E) No one has ever assembled a five-column fantasy performance like Kemp's of 2011. Allowing that it was a whopping .045-15-37-24-11 north of his three-year average, and that he's still an impatient hitter (nearly a third of his walks were intentional), don't bank on a rerun. There is, however, no year-in/year-out dominator at this position.

2. Carlos Gonzalez, Rockies (A) It wasn't 2010, but despite a noxious start (.231-3-18-21-6 through 35 games) and a wrist injury, last season was still sweet. He and Kemp are the only guys with 300 hits, 60 homers, 200 RBIs and 40 swipes the past two years.

3. Justin Upton, Diamondbacks (A) Nice to see at least one Upton paying off his potential. His .289-31-88-105-21 was just the fourth of its kind by a 23-year-old. We don't think of this as another false positive, either; he bettered his SO rate from 1 per 3.8 PAs to 1 per 5.3. What he still hasn't done is hit with RISP (.239 AVG - 159th among qualifiers) — hence the RBI insufficiency.

4. Jose Bautista, Blue Jays (A) Projecting Bautista's next step after the 2010 bust-out was a blind exercise, and no one saw the 42-point jump in AVG and home run crown defense coming. Between the two All-Star Games, he went .312-61-133-127. So count us among the True Believers.

5. Jacoby Ellsbury, Red Sox (A,E) .321 AVG. Check. 119 runs. Check. 39 steals. Check. But 32 homers and 105 RBIs? Holy Brady Anderson, bat-man! Whether Ellsbury is really the 8-HR/70-SB stripe of 2009, or last year's 32-39 guy (or somewhere in between) is the great unknown — great being the operative word either way.

6. Josh Hamilton, Rangers (A,F) Hamilton holds onto his Tier 1 status because we learned in 2010 that he can be the best player on the globe. What we don't know is if he'll ever survive a full season, given that he's the globe's most brittle 6'4", 240-pound athletic stud. Here's his 162-game average: .308-32-117-101. Here's his actual average: .308-24-85-74.

TIER 2

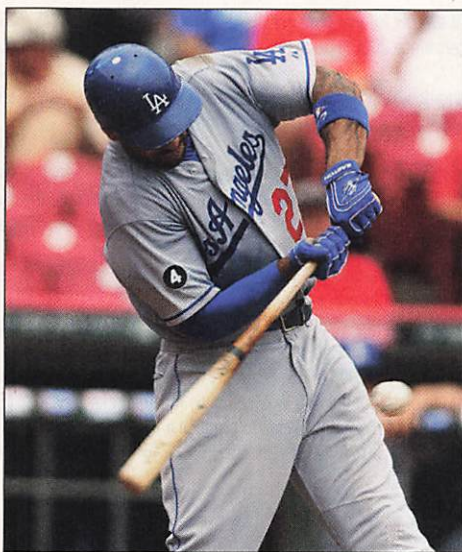
7. Curtis Granderson, Yankees (E) Granderson (a) upped his longballs 71%; (b) led the AL in RBIs; and (c) topped both leagues in runs. None of those are sustainable, because (a) homers are down 5% throughout the game; (b) he hits from the 2-hole, and 20 of his 42 cranks came with men aboard; and (c) he also led the majors by scoring a fluky 46% of the time he reached base. Still...wow.

8. Andrew McCutchen, Pirates (B) McCutchen is Crawford with training wheels — with more power potential but not yet a great sense of who he is as a hitter. His .259-23-89-87-23 could evolve into .300-30-100-100-40 as the lights flicker on.

9. Matt Holliday, Cardinals Holliday nearly snatched a Triple Crown with Colorado in 2007, and his OPS with the Cards is virtually the same as with the Rox. What hasn't been the same are his SB totals: 28-14-9-2 from '08-11.

10. Hunter Pence, Phillies In a sports world of little black dresses, Pence is a business suit — not sexy, but an expression of confidence in a predictable, professional performance. His year at the office would be right around .290-25-90-85-10.

11. Shin-Soo Choo, Indians (F) One of Choo's many injury woes in 2011 was what the Indians termed "left trunk soreness." But like an elephant, we should never forget that, from 2008-10, he was the only player in the league with a .300 AVG, 50 homers and 40 stolen bases.



12. Carl Crawford, Red Sox (F) 'Twas the season of which shall never again be spoken. Explanations for Crawford's .255-11-56-65-18 stinker when expectations hovered around .315-20-90-115-50 ranged from not trying to trying too hard. No matter; history, age and ability remain on his side. (Bumped down a few spots due to wrist surgery.)

13. Jay Bruce, Reds Bruce has become a first-order power hitter, but lack of contact, vulnerability outside his own ballpark and almost comical streakiness have kept him in the second stratum. This may be exactly what he's all about, long-term.

14. Ryan Braun, Brewers (E) Two-thirds of a season for Braun (who would have been our chart-topping OF for the third straight year had it not been for that 50-game smackdown) might look something like .300-22-70-80-15. Yet only he, Kemp, Ellsbury and Alex Gordon did that in a full 2011 schedule. Whether he can simply pick up right where he left off is an open question, however.

15. Michael Bourn, Braves As a base-stealing/run-scoring specialist, Bourn is often worth more to specific fantasy rosters than his overall ranking would imply. His 215 SBs since 2008 are a monstrous 23% more than anyone else.

16. Alex Gordon, Royals (E) No player has been more impervious to speculation — one way or the other — than Gordon the last five years. His .303-23-87-101-17 stunner as everyone's favorite wash-out followed four years of averaging .244-11-40-49-7 as everyone's favorite blue-chipper. Through 2010, his BABIP was .294 (exactly the 2011 AL norm), so last year's .358 presents a strong case for regression.

17. Mike Stanton, Marlins The only three players in history to hit more homers before their 22nd birthday are in the Hall of Fame. Stanton pays the price for power; he swung and missed at a higher percentage of pitches (15.2) than any other NL regular last year. The new, spacious ballpark won't do him any favors.

18. Adam Jones, Orioles Crossroads year for Jones to show if he's going to be the superstar many assumed, or just the solid citizen his three-year norms (.281-21-74-76-10) portray. His snag is that he swung at 44.4% of pitches outside the strike zone last year (30.6% is average).

TIER 1

1. Matt Kemp, Dodgers (A,E)
2. Carlos Gonzalez, Rockies (A)
3. Justin Upton, Diamondbacks (A)
4. Jose Bautista, Blue Jays (A)
5. Jacoby Ellsbury, Red Sox (A,E)
6. Josh Hamilton, Rangers (A,F)

TIER 2

7. Curtis Granderson, Yankees (E)
8. Andrew McCutchen, Pirates (B)
9. Matt Holliday, Cardinals
10. Hunter Pence, Phillies
11. Shin-Soo Choo, Indians (F)
12. Carl Crawford, Red Sox (F)
13. Jay Bruce, Reds
14. Ryan Braun, Brewers (E)
15. Michael Bourn, Braves
16. Alex Gordon, Royals (E)
17. Mike Stanton, Marlins
18. Adam Jones, Orioles
19. Nick Markakis, Orioles (F)
20. Nelson Cruz, Rangers
21. Michael Cuddyer, Rockies (B)
22. Andre Ethier, Dodgers (F)
23. Mike Morse, Nationals (E)

TIER 3

24. Shane Victorino, Phillies
25. Chris Young, Diamondbacks
26. B.J. Upton, Rays
27. Drew Stubbs, Reds
28. Desmond Jennings, Rays
29. Corey Hart, Brewers
30. Ichiro Suzuki, Mariners
31. Matt Joyce, Rays
32. Jason Heyward, Braves (C)
33. Carlos Beltran, Cardinals (F)
34. Jayson Werth, Nationals
35. Austin Jackson, Tigers
36. Nick Swisher, Yankees
37. Delmon Young, Tigers
38. Dexter Fowler, Rockies (B,C)
39. Cameron Maybin, Padres
40. Jason Kubel, Diamondbacks (F)
41. Melky Cabrera, Giants (E)
42. Brett Gardner, Yankees
43. Jason Bay, Mets
44. Peter Bourjos, Angels
45. Denard Span, Twins (F)

TIER 4

46. Logan Morrison, Marlins (C)
47. Ben Revere, Twins
48. Emilio Bonifacio, Marlins (E)
49. Jeff Francoeur, Royals (E)
50. Martin Prado, Braves
51. Colby Rasmus, Blue Jays
52. Coco Crisp, A's (E)
53. Mike Trout, Angels (D,G)
54. Brandon Belt, Giants (C)
55. Carlos Quentin, Padres
56. Nyjer Morgan, Brewers
57. Grady Sizemore, Indians (F)
58. Torii Hunter, Angels
59. Chris Hestey, Reds
60. Josh Willingham, Twins (E)
61. Lucas Duda, Mets (C)
62. Jose Tabata, Pirates (F)
63. John Mayberry Jr., Phillies
64. Alex Presley, Pirates (C)
65. Nolan Reimold, Orioles
66. Vernon Wells, Angels
67. David DeJesus, Cubs
68. Angel Pagan, Giants

TIER 5

69. Andres Torres, Mets
70. Josh Reddick, A's (C)
71. Jerry Sands, Dodgers (C)
72. Alex Rios, White Sox
73. Lorenzo Cain, Royals
74. Allen Craig, Cardinals (F)
75. Rajai Davis, Blue Jays
76. Brennan Boesch, Tigers (F)
77. Roger Bernadina, Nationals
78. Dayan Viciedo, White Sox
79. Bryce Harper, Nationals (G)
80. Will Venable, Padres

OUTFIELDERS



19. Nick Markakis, Orioles (F) Faith that he'll ever hit for real power is dissolving. He can, however, hit — one of nine with 1,000 knocks and 100 homers since 2006. Had abdominal surgery in January.

20. Nelson Cruz, Rangers Capable of a blow-the-doors-off year, but he's 31 and still hasn't stayed healthy enough to chart a 500-AB season. Fickle AVGs: .330, .318, two in the .260s and three .235 or lower.

21. Michael Cuddyer, Rockies (B) Christmas came nine days early for Cuddyer and his mixed keeper-league owners when he signed with the Rockies. His swing is made-for-Coors, rendering his 32-HR output of 2009 repeatable.

22. Andre Ethier, Dodgers (F) Ethier's longball and strikeout rates have been moving in opposite directions, but a bum knee was likely behind his 11-homer/0-steal washout of last year.

23. Mike Morse, Nationals (E) His staccato career in Morse Code [dash] Drafted by White Sox in 2000 as a SS, but could neither field nor hit [dot dot dot] Traded in 2004 to Seattle, where he discovered more positions he couldn't play and still was no threat at the dish [dot dot dot] Was so lightly regarded that he was dealt to Washington for the immortal Ryan Langerhans [dot dot dot] Began to produce a little as an OF/1B in 2010 [dot dot dot] Led 2011 Nats in everything [dash] .303 AVG, 31 HRs, 95 RBIs.

TIER 3

24. Shane Victorino, Phillies Fresh off his finest batting — but worst base-running — season. Well-roundedness and consistency (without the glitz) make him someone you can win with.

25. Chris Young, Diamondbacks Count on him as a 20-20 HR/SB and 80/80 RBI/R man, but he's unlikely ever to swing for an even "average" average. One reason: 26% of his flyballs in 2011 never left the infield — the highest rate in the majors.

26. B.J. Upton, Rays Easy to hate on because of his long-rumored potential and fifth-lowest AVG (.240) among regulars since 2009. Note, though, that he's the only player with 100 steals and 50 homers in that period; and he's entering a contract year looking to impress.

27. Drew Stubbs, Reds Next in this little run of power-speed guys who can't hit .250 is Stubbs, whose 205 SOs and 40 SBs comprised one inharmonious combo. Ranked 62nd in MLB in hits, but was 11th in outs made and had a .343 BABIP — so the likelihood of an AVG improvement seems dim.

28. Desmond Jennings, Rays Looked like a superstar for five weeks after his recall, finished the year in a .154-2-6 29-game spinout, then resurfaced in the playoffs. The bat may continue to be all over the place for awhile, but he should burgle bases in the 40s.

29. Corey Hart, Brewers Hasn't been a base-stealer since 2008, and his RBI total (down to 63 from 102) came under siege last year when he was moved to leadoff. We've seen him go 20-HR/20-SB and 30-HR/100-RBI, but he's not that guy anymore.

30. Ichiro Suzuki, Mariners Still durable and a base-stealer, but last three AVGs have been .352, .315, .272. At 38, any turnaround would be marginal.

31. Matt Joyce, Rays Took a nice stride to .277-19-75-69-13 in 2011. Now if he could hit southpaws (.196 career AVG), he'd get those extra 100 ABs needed to make a bona fide fantasy impact.

32. Jason Heyward, Braves (C) Pitchers found a black hole on the inside part of the plate; he never adjusted, and work on his Hall of Fame induction speech stopped abruptly. Just 22; he'll figure it out.

33. Carlos Beltran, Cardinals (F) Beltran's 2011 season (minus any semblance of the thievery threat he used to be) ranked among the outfield top 10. The sight of a bulky knee brace on a 35-year-old doesn't exactly inspire conviction that he can crack that list again.

34. Jayson Werth, Nationals Took a fairly predictable plunge, but a .203 OPS decay was more fiasco than flop. At no point did he even hint at coming out of it, but if he could just split the difference between '11 and '10, he'd land at a respectable .264-24-72-88-16.

35. Austin Jackson, Tigers After a .396 BABIP and league-leading SO total as a rookie, got hammered with an inevitable AVG deterioration from .293 to .249. None of his other numbers moved, so 25 SBs and 90 runs are about the only sure fruits.

36. Nick Swisher, Yankees Three-category safety net on a roster. HRs, Rs and RBIs get a "B/B+" grade annually, but he's "C-" in AVG and "F" in steals.

37. Delmon Young, Tigers Hit more HRs (13, playoffs included) in two months with the Tigers than in four of his six complete seasons. RBI sums, inclusive of three teams before his 26th birthday, have been a scatter-shot 93, 69, 60, 112 and 64.

38. Dexter Fowler, Rockies (B,C) Fowler was lost into June, then came back from Triple-A to post an .880 OPS in the second half. Anything like that wire-to-wire, plus an incursion into his untapped SB potential, would carry him into Tier 2.

39. Cameron Maybin, Padres He's Jennings with a hair less pop and a lot less discipline. OPS figures of .618 at Petco and .630 in September dampened confidence after an apparent midseason epiphany.

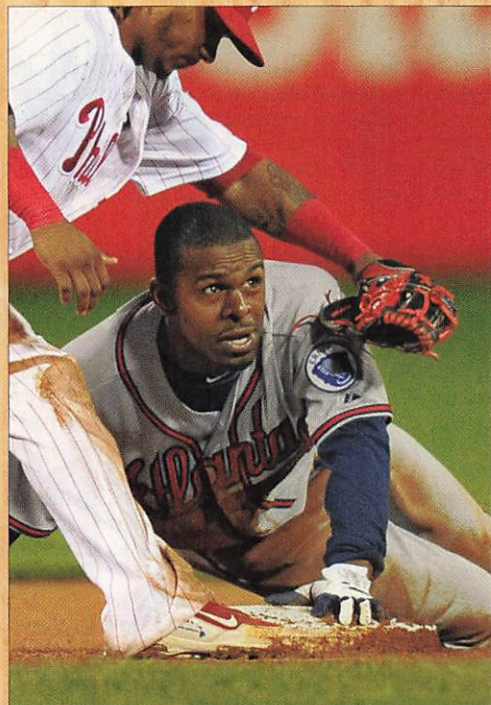
40. Jason Kubel, Diamondbacks (F) Kubel has one huge season (.300-28-103-73 in 2009) and a fortuitous change of venue going for him. His history of knee and foot problems, now without the respite of DH'ing, pushes back the other way.

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STOLEN BASES

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| 1. Michael Bourn | 11. Jemile Weeks |
| 2. Dee Gordon | 12. B.J. Upton |
| 3. Jose Reyes | 13. Rajai Davis |
| 4. Brett Gardner | 14. Drew Stubbs |
| 5. Jacoby Ellsbury | 15. Ichiro Suzuki |
| 6. Desmond Jennings | 16. Coco Crisp |
| 7. Ben Revere | 17. Carl Crawford |
| 8. Cameron Maybin | 18. Peter Bourjos |
| 9. Elvis Andrus | 19. Austin Jackson |
| 10. Matt Kemp | 20. Hanley Ramirez |



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DESIGNATED HITTERS

TIER 1

1. Billy Butler, Royals 17 homers (Butler's mean the last four years) may not sound beguiling for a DH, but David Ortiz was the only one to hit more than that in 2011. You can throw a small blanket over Billy's numbers from year to year, and he never takes a day off.

TIER 2

2. David Ortiz, Red Sox (E) At 35, Ortiz put together his best year since 2007. Inexplicably, he took a career strikeout rate of one per 4.5 at-bats and improved it to one per 6.3. Another season like it would be just as inexplicable.

3. Michael Young, Rangers Young's power is eroding, but he's still a hitting automaton. Last year he led the AL in percentage of balls in play that were line drives (24%) and was the first player in a decade to drive in 100 runs with as few as 11 homers.

TIER 3

4. Kendrys Morales, Angels (F) Status is still uncertain after nearly two years away from the game while rehabbing what must have been the mother of all broken ankles. A refresher: He went .306-34-108-86 in his most recent full season. No one has a clue who he'll be when he gets back.

5. Vladimir Guerrero, Free Agent (E) Had a worse year than Vladimir Putin. At 37 and coming off his lowest OPS (.733) since he was 21.

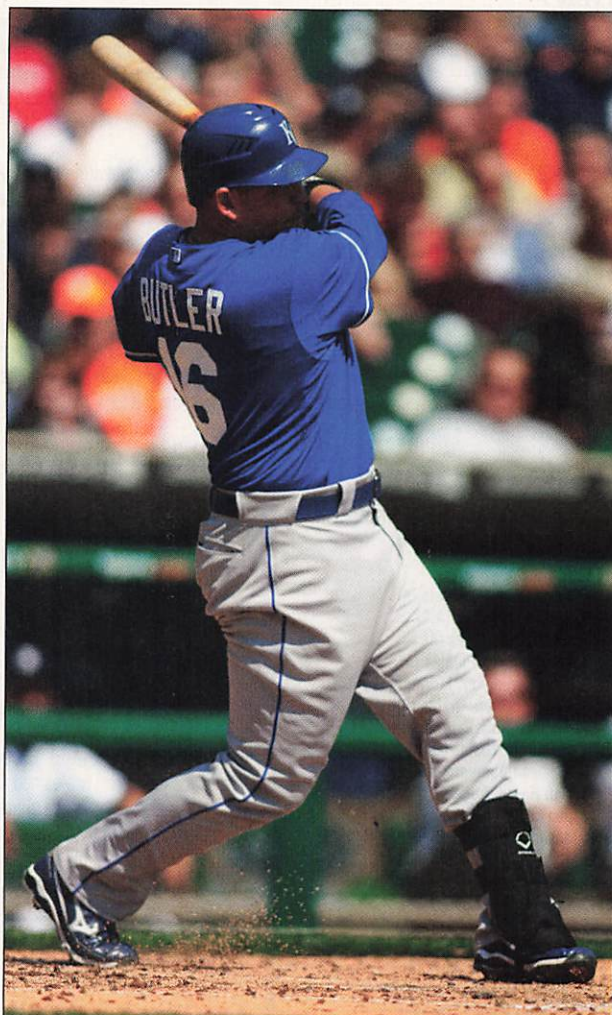
6. Adam Dunn, White Sox After missing the MLB record for difference between strikeouts and hits by one (177 Ks, 66 Hs), Dunn's prospects are less defined than the Republican presidential field. Prior, he'd averaged .251-39-101-92 since Dubya got reelected.

7. Edwin Encarnacion, Blue Jays (C) He can hit the longball, but his RBIs per HR ratios are hideous. If he's not encumbered by injuries (as he usually is) and duties to ply his butcherous brand of defense, he could spring a surprise exclusively as a DH.

8. Travis Hafner, Indians (F) For a \$57 million contract that finally expires this year, the Indians have gotten a middling DH who's physically incapable of playing more than four times a week. He's not useless in roto, just aggravating.

9. Ryan Doumit, Twins (F) A genuine hitter when he's not bouncing between positions and the disabled list — which is, like, never.

10. Johnny Damon, Free Agent At 38, clearly in the twilight of his career, but still capable of producing decent numbers given the opportunity.

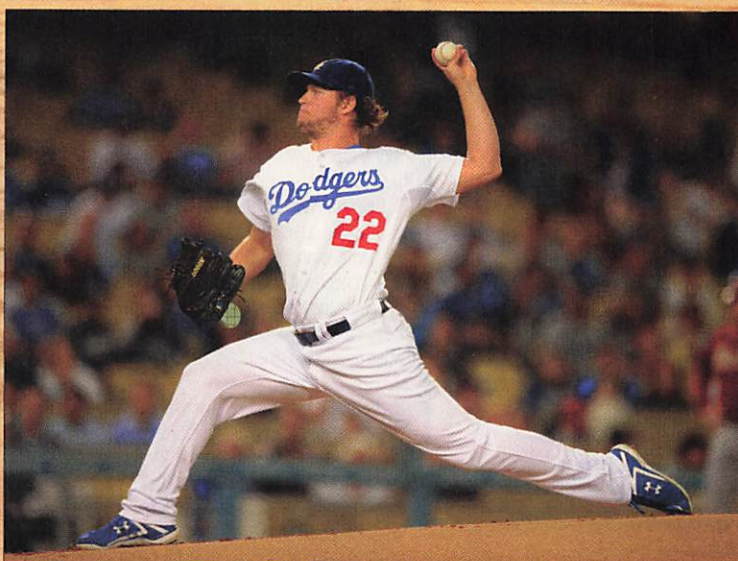


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EARNED RUN AVERAGE

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| 1. Clayton Kershaw | 11. Josh Johnson |
| 2. Roy Halladay | 12. Madison Bumgarner |
| 3. Stephen Strasburg | 13. Johnny Cueto |
| 4. Jered Weaver | 14. Matt Cain |
| 5. Cliff Lee | 15. Adam Wainwright |
| 6. Tim Lincecum | 16. Jordan Zimmermann |
| 7. Justin Verlander | 17. Dan Haren |
| 8. Felix Hernandez | 18. Ricky Romero |
| 9. Cole Hamels | 19. Matt Moore |
| 10. David Price | 20. Jon Lester |



STARTING PITCHERS



TIER 1

1. Justin Verlander, Tigers (A,E) By posting an April ERA below 5.50 for the first time since 2007, Verlander quickly hit his stride and avoided the mini-slumps that had plagued him to finish at 2.40 — nearly a run lower than ever before. His wins and whiffs were already in the five-year top five. No pitcher has ever put 24-2.40-250-0.92 seasons back-to-back, but we like him to circle 20-2.80-250-1.00.

2. Clayton Kershaw, Dodgers (A) Numbers-crunching alone would slide Kershaw in ahead of Verlander. The shorter résumé bumps him back a peg. (Until he met up with Madison Bumgarner last April, he'd never even opposed a starter younger than he was.) Having crossed the obligatory strike-throwing threshold (pitches per PA have dropped from 4.3 to 4.0 to an MLB-average 3.8), he's on track to become the definitive pitcher of the decade.

3. Roy Halladay, Phillies (A) Halladay is anyone's equal in three categories, but 30-to-50 SOs shy of Verlander and Kershaw. He's the first pitcher since Lefty Grove to finish at least seven games over .500 in seven or more consecutive seasons. But if he duplicates his 19-2.35-220-1.04, he will have done something unprecedented for a 35-year-old.

TIER 1

1. Justin Verlander, Tigers (A,E)
2. Clayton Kershaw, Dodgers (A)
3. Roy Halladay, Phillies (A)

TIER 2

4. Jered Weaver, Angels (A)
5. Cliff Lee, Phillies (A,E)
6. David Price, Rays (A)
7. Cole Hamels, Phillies (A)
8. Felix Hernandez, Mariners (A)
9. Tim Lincecum, Giants (A)
10. Stephen Strasburg, Nationals (F)
11. Matt Cain, Giants (B)
12. Madison Bumgarner, Giants
13. Dan Haren, Angels
14. Jon Lester, Red Sox
15. Josh Johnson, Marlins (F)
16. Yovani Gallardo, Brewers
17. Ricky Romero, Blue Jays
18. Zack Greinke, Brewers
19. CC Sabathia, Yankees (E)
20. Josh Beckett, Red Sox (E)
21. James Shields, Rays (E)
22. Tommy Hanson, Braves (F)
23. Michael Pineda, Yankees
24. Johnny Cueto, Reds (E,F)
25. Adam Wainwright, Cardinals (F)
26. Ian Kennedy, Diamondbacks (E)

TIER 3

27. C.J. Wilson, Angels
28. Jordan Zimmermann, Nationals (B)
29. Matt Garza, Cubs
30. Derek Holland, Rangers
31. Jaime Garcia, Cardinals
32. Jeremy Hellickson, Rays (E)
33. Gio Gonzalez, Nationals
34. Yu Darvish, Rangers
35. Ervin Santana, Angels
36. Matt Moore, Rays
37. Neftali Feliz, Rangers
38. Mike Leake, Reds (C)
39. Chris Sale, White Sox (C)
40. Clay Buchholz, Red Sox (F)
41. Justin Masterson, Indians (B)
42. Scott Baker, Twins (F)
43. Shaun Marcum, Brewers
44. Tim Hudson, Braves (E)
45. Mat Latos, Reds
46. Jhoulys Chacin, Rockies
47. Chris Carpenter, Cardinals

TIER 2

4. Jered Weaver, Angels (A) Weaver was just as unhittable as Verlander into early August, but his late-season inconsistencies bit him again. Still, it was the third straight time his ERA (2.41) fell. (As it turned out, the solo homer he allowed in his final inning gave JV the triple crown.) He won 18 despite getting just 3.7 runs per start — something Mr. Pujols can address.

5. Cliff Lee, Phillies (A,E) Because he allowed fewer than two earned runs in half his starts last year and punched out 53 more victims than ever before, Lee's bottom line was his strongest to date. As a "feel" pitcher, he has a few season-to-season/month-to-month burps, but what comes out in the wash is usually spit-shined.

6. David Price, Rays (A) Price's peripherals were better than ever, but his record (12-13) was undone by meager support (two or fewer runs in 12 starts), and his ERA (3.49) by a 229-point rise in OPS allowed with RISP. Given his stuff, makeup and the partially random nature of those adversities, he figures to be back in the Cy Young mix.

7. Cole Hamels, Phillies (A) Hamels is a 13-win-a-year pitcher awash in a 20-game-winner's stats. In 2010-11, he was deprived of victory seven times in games the Phillies lost 1-0, 2-0 or 2-1. Won only once last September, when he allowed nine of his 19 homers.

8. Felix Hernandez, Mariners (A) His "How good does he have to be?" conundrum is tied to Seattle's "How much worse can it get?" offense. Looking at his BABIPs, though, he's inherently closer to his 3.47 ERA self of 2011 than the 2.27 he hung as the '10 "Cy."

9. Tim Lincecum, Giants (A) With his deemphasized use of the fastball, Lincecum's SO/BB ratio has fallen severely two straight years. And as a wispy, max-effort guy who's thrown the most pitches in the NL since 2008, we're devaluing him just a little.

10. Stephen Strasburg, Nationals (F) Last September, in the 83rd inning of his career, Strasburg finally gave up four hits in one of them. That's about as bad as things get for him, apparently. Assuming his elbow is fine, the only thing holding him back will be the Nats, who will limit his innings to protect it.

11. Matt Cain, Giants (B) Cain has received the lowest run support of any pitcher in baseball since 2006, and he has the lousy win-loss ledger (67-72) to prove it. Yet in that same span, only Halladay, Lincecum and CC Sabathia can match his ERA-SOs-WHIP parity.

12. Madison Bumgarner, Giants No pitcher is trending upward so steeply, so quickly as Bumgarner. From June 26 on, he ranked second in the NL in strikeouts, third in wins and seventh in ERA.

13. Dan Haren, Angels Thanks to his 2.80 first-half ERA the past five years, Haren drives a slammin' white Maserati. His second halves (4.02) have been more Corolla-esque, locking him out of Tier 1. Another disconnect: He's second in SOs but fourth in HRA since 2005.

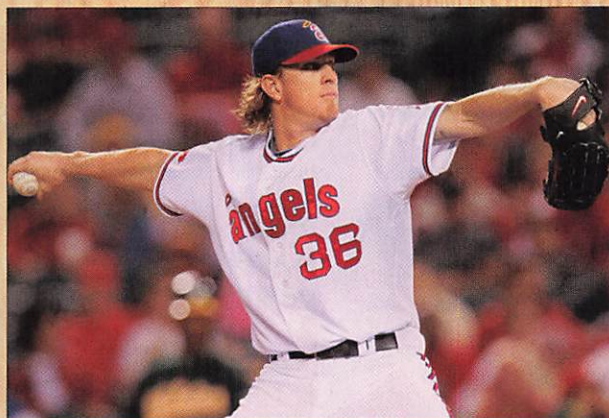
14. Jon Lester, Red Sox Lack of premium command has caused Lester to flatline, rather than improve, but at least he's done so high on the stat monitor. No other AL hurler has won at least 15 games with an ERA lower than 3.50, a WHIP below 1.30 and at least 150 strikeouts each of the last four campaigns. As safe as safe gets.

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WINS

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| 10. David Price | 20. Gio Gonzalez |



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STARTING PITCHERS

15. Josh Johnson, Marlins (F) This ranking is based on the assumption that Johnson can muster one inning for every orthopedic surgeon in the Miami area — 152, at last count. Based on that workload and his 2010-11 norms, the gossamer-winged fireballer will go 9-4 with a 2.14 ERA, 150 SOs and 1.07 WHIP.

16. Yovani Gallardo, Brewers Yo (as in yo-yo) has about one truly horrific outing a month, but he's beginning to string together some fine seasons. He pruned his BBs/9 by exactly 1.0 from 2009 to '10, and again from '10 to '11 — with 200 SOs each time. He evidently paid the price of strike-throwing in gopher balls last season (27 — up from 12).

17. Ricky Romero, Blue Jays Rare is the young pitcher who builds on one year after another the way Romero has. His final frontier is a mid-level walk rate. ERA was below 3.00 both at home (where the rest of the Jays staff's was 5.01) and away.

18. Zack Greinke, Brewers Greinke's ERA was 5.66 on the Fourth of July, then 2.61 in his last 16 starts. Similarly, his career as a whole has been one of right angles — one of which was a 16-2.16-242 blockbuster in 2009 that keeps us enthralled with his possibilities.

19. CC Sabathia, Yankees (E) The only pitcher with 175 victories and 2,000 strikeouts since his 2001 debut, Sabathia more anchors a fantasy staff than carries one. He's had only one ERA below 3.00, and in 2011, he surrendered nearly a hit per inning.

20. Josh Beckett, Red Sox (E) His 2.89 ERA was half of what it was in '10, although Beckett comes with one of those disclaimers you see in investment ads: "Past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance." The no-hit stuff is always there; volatility resides above the shoulders.

21. James Shields, Rays (E) Shields' ERA drop from 5.18 to 2.82 was the third-best by a qualifier in the expansion era, so it's risky business to draw broad conclusions from what was a Halladay-type season. The tightrope he walks is that only three ALers have struck out more men since 2007, but none has allowed more home runs.

22. Tommy Hanson, Braves (F) Extrapolated to a 17-3.20-208 season at the end of July, but a sore shoulder put an end to that. Nothing chronically insidious is anticipated.

23. Michael Pineda, Yankees Cheeky of us to slot a nine-win rookie into this tier, but this one had more SOs/9 (9.11) than any rook since 1955. Another indicator he's a cut above was that, while recording the No. 4 average fastball velo in the AL (94.7 mph), he posted the No. 8 rate of first-pitch strikes (64.5).

24. Johnny Cueto, Reds (E,F) Cueto didn't pitch before May 8 or after Sept. 14, and durability may be a career-spanning worry. Had he been able to make another start of six innings and allow just one earned run, he would have edged Kershaw for the NL ERA crown.

25. Adam Wainwright, Cardinals (F) Potential top-five starter who missed 2011 with elbow surgery. We'll take a cue from the Cards, who picked up \$21 million worth of options, that he's expected to be good as new — in time.

26. Ian Kennedy, Diamondbacks (E) Because he was a 26-year-old with a 10-14 record when the 2011 season commenced, his 21-4 compels a skeptical squint. He's Shields with more run support and less of a track record.

TIER 3

27. C.J. Wilson, Angels Moving into a pitcher's park bodes well for Wilson, whose road ERA the last two campaigns was 2.56, compared to 3.70 in Texas. Snags with control (second-most AL walks those seasons) and innards (7-12 in his career after Aug. 31, including playoffs) conspire against further development.

28. Jordan Zimmermann, Nationals (B) The Nats will take the kid gloves off this kid, a former Tommy John'er who was shut down preemptively in August. With an additional 40 innings and a spike in run support, a big breakout could ensue.

29. Matt Garza, Cubs The Cubs would do Garza a solid by trading him. He wrung only 10 wins from his personal-best ERA (3.32) and SO (197) performances. WHIPs have been remarkably constant: 1.24 to 1.26 in all four of his full seasons.

TIER 4

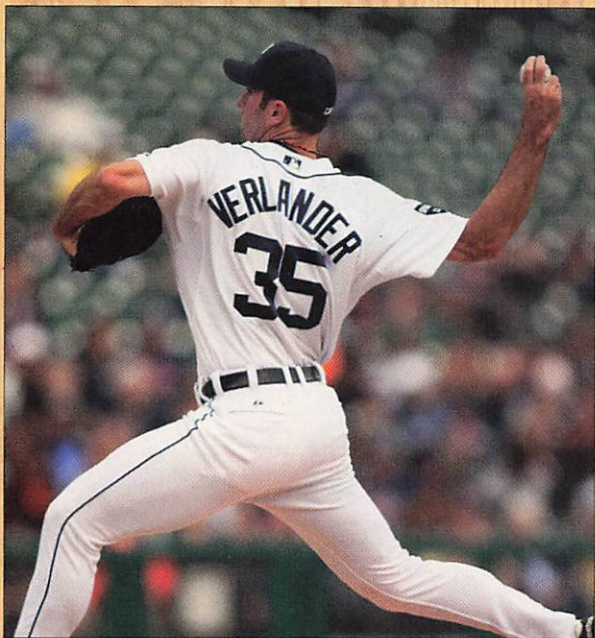
48. Doug Fister, Tigers (E)
49. Max Scherzer, Tigers
50. Ubaldo Jimenez, Indians
51. Anibal Sanchez, Marlins
52. John Danks, White Sox
53. Trevor Cahill, Diamondbacks
54. Daniel Hudson, Diamondbacks (E)
55. Brandon Morrow, Blue Jays
56. Jake Peavy, White Sox (F)
57. Johan Santana, Mets (F)
58. Colby Lewis, Rangers
59. Jair Jurrjens, Braves (F)
60. Mark Buehrle, Marlins
61. Wandy Rodriguez, Astros
62. Alexi Ogando, Rangers (E)
63. Brandon Beachy, Braves
64. Bud Norris, Astros (B)
65. R.A. Dickey, Mets
66. Cory Luebke, Padres (C)
67. Gavin Floyd, White Sox
68. Roy Oswalt, Free Agent (F)
69. Ryan Vogelsong, Giants (E)
70. Chad Billingsley, Dodgers
71. Hiroki Kuroda, Yankees
72. Ivan Nova, Yankees (E)
73. Aroldis Chapman, Reds (F)
74. Julio Teheran, Braves (C)
75. Wade Davis, Rays
76. Vance Worley, Phillies (E)

TIER 5

77. Alfredo Aceves, Red Sox (B,C)
78. Luke Hochevar, Royals (C)
79. Ted Lilly, Dodgers
80. Shelby Miller, Cardinals (G)
81. Randall Delgado, Braves (C)
82. Rick Porcello, Tigers (B)
83. Phil Hughes, Yankees (F)
84. Edwin Jackson, Free Agent
85. Erik Bedard, Pirates (F)
86. Homer Bailey, Reds
87. Josh Tomlin, Indians
88. Josh Collmenter, Diamondbacks (E)
89. Mike Minor, Braves
90. Brandon McCarthy, A's (E)
91. Henderson Alvarez, Blue Jays
92. Brett Myers, Astros
93. Juan Nicasio, Rockies (C,F)
94. Jeremy Guthrie, Orioles
95. Francisco Liriano, Twins
96. Jonathan Sanchez, Royals (F)
97. Aaron Crow, Royals (C)
98. Zach Britton, Orioles (C)
99. Drew Pomeranz, Rockies (G)
100. Tim Stauffer, Padres

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STARTING PITCHERS



30. Derek Holland, Rangers Chaotic inconsistencies (four shutouts, 10 starts of five or more runs) left him 16-3.95-162-1.35 — and with plenty to build upon for a talent who just turned 25 during the World Series.

31. Jaime Garcia, Cardinals ERA was exploded from 1.93 to 3.56 by two brutal starts; otherwise it would have been analogous to his 2.70 in 2010, and we'd be talking about a Tier 1 contender.

32. Jeremy Hellickson, Rays (E) A .210 OPP AVG and 2.95 ERA make a savory stew, but there was a rabbit's foot embittering the broth. Hellickson's 1.63 SO/BB ratio ranked just 87th among qualifiers. And using Bill James' Game Score as a yardstick, his six best games came against teams with losing records. Ladle those out of the recipe, and he was 8-10, 3.76.

33. Gio Gonzalez, Nationals An ability to miss bats and keep the ball in the park when he doesn't has offset his MLB-high 4.09 BBs/9 IP rate of 2010-11. This year, more offsets: a better team behind him and fewer DHs to face, but a much tougher park.

34. Yu Darvish, Rangers Before being seduced by his seven-season 1.99 ERA, consider that the composite of Japanese pitchers last year was 3.00 (MLB=3.94), and that 22 others with 50 or more innings were below 2.00. Most see him as No. 2 in a rotation.

35. Ervin Santana, Angels Santana has been a moving target throughout his career, but he's had dominant stretches and, for the first time, he's put sub-4.00 ERAs back-to-back. Lone AL pitcher to serve up more than 20 homers every season since 2006.

36. Matt Moore, Rays Moore could easily outperform this ranking dramatically; it's just a matter of what you're willing to stake on his 9.1 (sensational) innings of evidence. Led the minors (130+ IP) in ERA (1.92) and SOs/9 (12.2).

37. Neftali Feliz, Rangers A sure thing as a closer, Feliz is all projection as a newly assigned starter. It was in that role that he made his prospect bones. SO/BB ratio tumbled from 4.23 (2009-10) to 1.80 for some unapparent reason.

38. Mike Leake, Reds (C) Though he'll be modestly regarded in most drafts, Leake is a WHIP-friendly, mid-round steal. He's gone 20-13 despite learning on the fly (only two career minor league outings), and he's improving steadily.

39. Chris Sale, White Sox (C) No Sale in the bullpen this season, but as a member of the starting rotation, you should approach him as a bargain-basement opportunity. Has more of a rotation-ready repertoire than Feliz, but will struggle to get runs.

40. Clay Buchholz, Red Sox (F) Prior to a season-ending back injury in June, was assembling a stat set (6-3.48-1.29 in 14 starts) more commensurate with his capability than his fairy-dusted 17-2.33-1.20 of 2010.

41. Justin Masterson, Indians (B) Opened the year with a 16-28 career record, but sat at 10-2.71-1.18 in mid-August before fizzling out. Lots to like in his development.

42. Scott Baker, Twins (F) Simply cannot get through a season without some medical maintenance, but can be awfully good when he's 100 percent. ERA (3.14), WHIP (1.17) and SOs/9 (8.2) were his best yet, though compiled in only 135 innings.

43. Shaun Marcum, Brewers 34 runs allowed in his final 34 innings (including the post-season) notwithstanding, Marcum is quintessentially, predictably average — though, in this game, there's much to be said for predictability.

44. Tim Hudson, Braves (E) At 36, headed for a dip one year soon. No ominous signs so far; his ERA and WHIP have been far lower since his 30th birthday than before it.

45. Mat Latos, Reds We're less concerned about the disadvantageous Petco-to-GAB swap than the fact that Latos has had one 22-start stretch of unconsciousness (13-3, 1.64) wedged between 50 starts of sub-mediocrity (14-26, 4.23).

46. Jhoulys Chacin, Rockies Might bust a move into Tier 2 if he can trim his NL-high walks level by 20 percent or so — something quality pitchers his age (24) often do. Booked a 2.34 ERA in a 15-start stretch at Coors. Not easy.

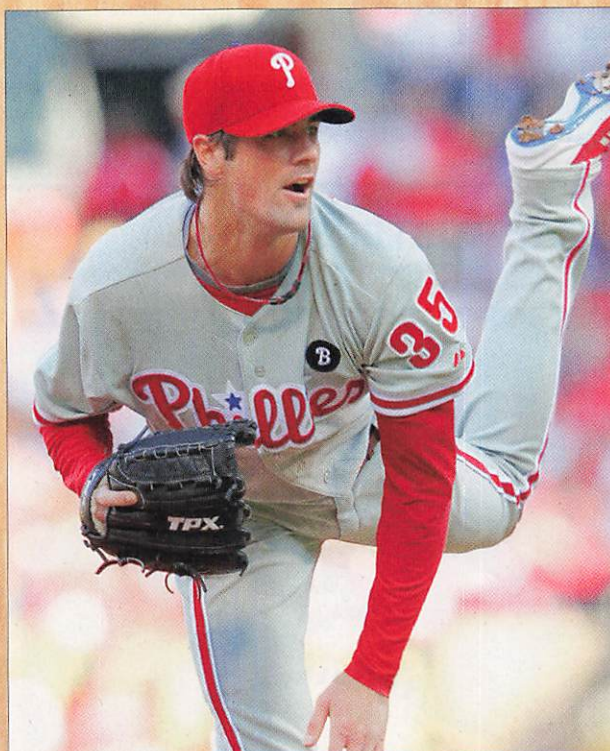
47. Chris Carpenter, Cardinals Had withered into just another pitcher until shutting out the Brewers in early September, after which he went 6-0 with a 2.42 ERA through the World Series. Not what he once was, but not done yet.

TIER 4

48. Doug Fister, Tigers (E) Lugged a 12-30 career record into Detroit last August and promptly went 8-1 with a 1.79 ERA and 0.84 WHIP. Behind those misleading extremes, we peg him as a 12-3.60-130-1.17 guy.

49. Max Scherzer, Tigers High-strikeout pitcher with a high-maintenance delivery that periodically straps him with more mechanical issues than a '71 Pinto. Borderline ace if he figures it out.

50. Ubaldo Jimenez, Indians Got swept away in an enigmatic cascade from 19-2.88-214-1.16 to 10-4.68-180-1.40. Lofty upside, but can't be trusted.



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RELIEF PITCHERS

TIER 1

1. Craig Kimbrel, Braves (A) Kimbrel tied for the NL saves title with 46 in his first full season. Even if his opportunities diminish, his value is burnished by an extreme strikeout bonus (127 in 2011) that's almost like having an extra starter. His 15.4 punchouts per nine are an all-time record — by a cavernous margin of 3.22 — for pitchers with at least 100 career appearances. Plan B closer: Jonny Venters

2. John Axford, Brewers (A) Released by the Yankees just four years ago, Axford charted the third-highest saves total (70) since being installed as closer in May 2010. He hasn't blown one since last April 18, and he opens the new year having been scored on only twice in his last 29 outings. Plan B closer: Francisco Rodriguez

3. Jonathan Papelbon, Phillies (A) After scuffling most of 2010, he was (despite a career-low 31 saves) back in the zone. Mariano Rivera is the only other reliever who's had at least 30 saves in each of the last six seasons, and Pap notched his 200th last June in even fewer appearances than Sandman required. Plan B closer: Antonio Bastardo

4. Drew Storen, Nationals Storen lacks the vaporizing stuff of Kimbrel, but is the same age (24) and is on the same career trajectory. Finished 9-for-9 in saves with four hits allowed and 16 strikeouts in his last 11 innings. Plan B closer: Tyler Clippard

5. Mariano Rivera, Yankees With one indistinguishably brilliant year after another, there's no apparent reason to downgrade him. Rivera now shares the all-time records for 30-save (14), sub-1.00 WHIP (nine) and sub-2.00 ERA (11) seasons. Has hinted at retirement following 2012. Plan B closer: David Robertson

6. Jose Valverde, Tigers Because of his poor conditioning, over-the-top 'tude and walks-plagued escapology, Valverde has his detractors. Through it all, he's managed to lead three leagues in saves since 2007, ending '11 with a two-year run of 51 straight. Plan B closer: Joaquin Benoit

7. Brian Wilson, Giants (F) The Beard saw 2.4 SOs/9 trimmed off his stat line in 2011. Other split ends included a hairy WHIP of 1.47 and a loss of 1.7 mph off his average fastball, prompting him to throw his slider nearly half the time. He was finally shut down with an elbow, and pitched just twice in the last six weeks. Monitor him in camp; if healthy, he's as good as it gets. Plan B closer: Sergio Romo

8. Heath Bell, Marlins (F) Bell admits to never being fully healthy (calf) in 2011, and his 34% reduction in strikeout rate would imply as much. Reached the All-Star break having not allowed a home run to more than 400 batters, then served up four to his next 78. Can't argue with his 132 saves the past three years — most in the game. Plan B closer: Juan Oviedo

TIER 2

9. J.J. Putz, Diamondbacks (E) Gave a Tier 1 performance in 2011 — 45 saves, including 24 in a row to close the schedule. Advanced age (35) for a power pitcher and roller coaster of a career knocks him down a notch on the safety meter. Plan B closer: David Hernandez

10. Joel Hanrahan, Pirates Saved 40 after six years flitting among roles. Went from 100 SOs as a set-up man in 2010 to 61 in virtually same number of innings. Plan B closer: Evan Meek

11. Jordan Walden, Angels Made the All-Star team as a rookie, but faded as the year progressed and finished with an MLB high-tying 10 blown saves in 42 tries. Towering upside. Plan B closer: Scott Downs

12. Andrew Bailey, Red Sox (F) Has all the requisite "rate" stats, but spotty medical history has limited him to fewer than 50 innings each of the last two campaigns. Saved 26, 25 and 24 games in his three seasons with Oakland. Plan B closer: Mark Melancon

13. Chris Perez, Indians Another power pitcher whose velocity dropped and K rates went into freefall — from 9.5 (2008-10) to an un-closer-like 5.9. Assuming no secreted medical troubles, we'd bank on a more assertive showing this go-round. Plan B closer: Vinnie Pestano

14. Joakim Soria, Royals Invincible for four-plus seasons, Soria lost his job temporarily in an erratic 2011 season segmented into game-spans of 23 (6.55 ERA), 20 (0.41), 11 (8.71) and six (0.00). Trade candidate. Plan B closer: Jonathan Broxton

TIER 3

15. Jason Motte, Cardinals (B) Tony La Russa, who went to his bullpen a record 12,236 times in his career, had five different "regular" closers in 2011. Motte, who's had several false starts, was the last (and best) of those, as all nine of his saves came in the final four weeks. That earns him first call this spring. Plan B closer: Fernando Salas

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3. Jonathan Papelbon, Phillies (A)
4. Drew Storen, Nationals
5. Mariano Rivera, Yankees
6. Jose Valverde, Tigers
7. Brian Wilson, Giants (F)
8. Heath Bell, Marlins (F)

TIER 2

9. J.J. Putz, Diamondbacks (E)
10. Joel Hanrahan, Pirates
11. Jordan Walden, Angels
12. Andrew Bailey, Red Sox (F)
13. Chris Perez, Indians
14. Joakim Soria, Royals

TIER 3

15. Jason Motte, Cardinals (B)
16. Carlos Marmol, Cubs
17. Ryan Madson, Reds
18. Brandon League, Mariners
19. Sergio Santos, Blue Jays
20. Francisco Cordero, Free Agent (E)
21. Rafael Betancourt, Rockies (B)
22. Matt Capps, Twins
23. Kyle Farnsworth, Rays (F)
24. Joe Nathan, Rangers
25. Huston Street, Padres (F)
26. Jim Johnson, Orioles (B)

TIER 4

27. Addison Reed, White Sox (C)
28. Javy Guerra, Dodgers
29. Kenley Jansen, Dodgers (D,G)
30. Brandon Lyon, Astros (F)
31. David Robertson, Yankees (D)
32. Jonny Venters, Braves (D)
33. Frank Francisco, Mets (F)
34. Matt Thornton, White Sox
35. Brian Fuentes, A's

TIER 5

36. Fernando Salas, Cardinals (D,E)
37. Jonathan Broxton, Royals (D,F)
38. Sergio Romo, Giants (D)
39. Rex Brothers, Rockies (C,G)
40. Chance Ruffin, Mariners (D,G)

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MINNESOTA TWINS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Benson	21	0	0	0	0	0	20	11	2	7	1
Butera	93	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casilla	97	0	0	56	0	36	0	0	0	0	3
Cuddyer	139	0	46	17	0	0	77	0	0	77	8
Dinkelman	23	0	0	11	0	0	10	5	0	5	2
Holm	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L. Hughes	96	0	36	37	13	0	0	0	0	0	6
Kubel	99	0	0	0	0	0	58	9	0	50	37
Mauer	82	52	18	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	14
Morneau	69	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Nishioka	68	0	0	6	0	60	0	0	0	0	1
Parmelee	21	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Plouffe	81	0	1	17	0	45	13	3	0	11	4
Repko	67	0	0	0	0	0	55	24	5	27	6
Revere	117	0	0	0	0	0	106	13	89	5	1
Rivera	45	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Span	70	0	0	0	0	0	67	0	67	0	1
Tolbert	87	0	0	36	6	31	0	0	0	0	5
Tosoni	60	0	0	0	0	0	42	38	0	4	9
Valencia	154	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0	0	4

NEW YORK YANKEES

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Cano	159	0	0	157	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Cervelli	43	41	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chavez	58	0	3	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	7
Dickerson	60	0	0	0	0	0	52	14	0	42	3
Gardner	159	0	0	0	0	0	156	149	18	0	0
Golson	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	3	3	0
Granderson	156	0	0	0	0	0	155	0	155	0	1
Jeter	131	0	0	0	0	0	122	0	0	0	10
Jones	77	0	0	0	0	0	57	39	0	19	16
Laird	11	0	3	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin	125	125	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Molina	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montero	18	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Nunez	112	0	0	16	40	50	4	1	0	3	9
Pena	23	0	0	7	13	4	0	0	0	0	1
Posada	115	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
Rodriguez	99	0	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	0	10
Romine	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Swisher	150	0	11	0	0	0	141	0	0	141	5
Teixeira	156	0	147	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9

OAKLAND ATHLETICS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Allen	41	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barton	67	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carter	15	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Crisp	136	0	0	0	0	0	133	0	133	0	2
DeJesus	131	0	0	0	0	0	122	0	8	116	4
Ellis	62	0	2	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ka'aihue	23	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kouzmanoff	46	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaRoche	40	0	1	8	27	9	0	0	0	0	0
Matsui	141	0	0	0	0	0	27	27	0	0	110
Miller	7	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3	2	0
Pennington	148	0	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0	1
Powell	36	33	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Recker	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosales	24	0	5	3	6	7	2	2	0	0	0
Sizemore	110	0	0	18	91	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sogard	27	0	0	3	10	14	0	0	0	0	0
Suzuki	134	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Sweeney	108	0	0	0	0	0	92	41	34	23	2
Taylor	11	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	0	8	0
Weeks	97	0	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willingham	136	0	0	0	0	0	96	96	0	0	36

SEATTLE MARINERS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Ackley	90	0	1	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bard	26	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Bradley	28	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	0	0	1
Carp	79	0	34	0	0	0	28	27	0	1	19
Cust	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
Figgins	81	0	0	0	80	0	2	2	0	0	0
Gimenez	24	20	2	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0
Gutierrez	92	0	0	0	0	0	92	0	92	0	0
Halman	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	29	8	2	0
Kennedy	114	0	36	34	27	0	0	0	0	18	0
Langerhans	19	0	0	0	0	0	17	5	12	1	1
Liddi	15	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moore	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Olivo	130	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Peguero	46	0	0	0	0	0	43	40	0	3	2
Pena	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Robinson	44	0	0	0	0	0	41	30	16	0	1
Rodriguez	44	0	1	7	11	23	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan	123	0	0	0	0	123	0	0	0	0	0
Saunders	58	0	0	0	0	0	56	12	46	0	0
Seager	53	0	0	3	42	10	0	0	0	0	0
Smoak	123	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
Suzuki	161	0	0	0	0	0	151	0	0	151	10
Wells	95	0	0	0	0	0	83	21	9	58	8
J. Wilson	62	0	0	45	1	13	0	0	0	0	0
M. Wilson	8	0	0	0	0	0	7	5	0	2	1

TAMPA BAY RAYS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Brignac	92	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	0
Canzler	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chirinos	20	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Damon	150	0	1	0	0	0	16	16	0	0	135
Fuld	105	0	0	0	0	0	87	75	7	9	2
Guy	15	0	0	0	0	0	14	3	0	11	1
Jaso	89	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jennings	63	0	0	0	0	0	60	53	8	1	1
D. Johnson	31	0	21	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
E. Johnson	70	0	2	9	0	52	2	1	1	0	1
Joyce	141	0	0	0	0	0	136	15	0	126	1
Kotchman	146	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lobaton	15	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Longoria	133	0	0	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	3
Lopez	32	0	6	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	2
Ramirez	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Rodriguez	131	0	5	48	30	60	2	2	0	0	0
Ruggiano	46	0	0	0	0	0	36	27	4	6	4
Shoppach	87	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Upton	153	0	0	0	0	0	151	0	151	0	0
Zobrist	156	0	0	131	0	0	38	0	0	38	3

Elvis Andrus



TEXAS RANGERS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Andrus	150	0	0	0	0	147	0	0	0	0	1
A. Beltré	124	0	0	0	112	0	0	0	0	0	11
Blanco	36	0	0	5	6	23	1	0	0	1	0
Borbon	32	0	0	0	0	0	32	0	32	0	0
Chavez	83	0	0	0	0	0	75	12	66	6	1
Cruz	124	0	0	0	0	0	115	18	0	109	8
Gentry	64	0	0	0	0	0	60	2	55	7	1
German	11	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2
Hamilton	121	0	0	0	0	0	112	85	35	0	9
Kinsler	155	0	0	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Martin	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	0
Moreland	134	0	99	0	0	0	34	0	0	34	8
Murphy	120	0	0	0	0	0	109	78	13	32	9
Napoli	113	61	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Quintanilla	11	0	0	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Teagarden	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Torrealba	113	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Treanor	72	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Young	159	0	36	14	40	1	0	0	0	0	69

TORONTO BLUE JAYS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Arencibia	129	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Bautista	149	0	0	0	25	0	116	0	0	116	9
Cooper	27	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Davis	95	0	0	0	0	0	91	4	79	8	1
Encarnacion	134	0	25	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	70
Escobar	133	0	0	0	0	132	0	0	0	0	1
Hill	104	0	0	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	33	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrie	43	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lind	125	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Loewen	14	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	3	4	3
Mastrolanni	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
McCoy	80	0	0	10	16	26	20	0	16	5	5
McDonald	65	0	0	21	26	20	0	0	0	0	0
Molina	55	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Nix	46	0	0	4	41	0	1	1	0	0	2
Patterson	89	0	0	0	0	0	84	51	30	9	3
Rasmus	35	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	35	0	0
Rivera	70	0	21	0	0	0	27	24	0	4	19
Snider	49	0	0	0	0	0	48	44	6	3	1
Teahen	78	0	18	0	32	0	15	6	0	9	7
Thames	95	0	0	0	0	0	79	52	0	27	14
Wise	20	0	0	0	0	0	16	3	12	2	2
Woodward	11	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3

NATIONAL LEAGUE GAMES BY POSITION



ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Allen	11	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blanco	37	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bloomquist	97	0	0	1	0	59	25	25	0	0	0
Blum	23	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Branyan	31	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burroughs	78	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cowgill	36	0	0	0	0	25	18	10	0	0	0
Drew	86	0	0	0	0	84	0	0	0	0	0
Gillespie	5	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	2	0
Goldschmidt	48	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hammock	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Hill	33	0	0	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	114	0	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McDonald	19	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
Miranda	65	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montero	140	134	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mora	42	0	1	0	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nady	82	0	52	0	0	0	10	10	0	0	0
Overbay	121	0	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parra	141	0	0	0	0	0	135	125	2	14	0
Pena	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
Ransom	12	0	0	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	0
Roberts	143	0	0	28	107	1	3	3	0	0	0
Upton	159	0	0	0	0	0	159	0	0	159	0
Young	156	0	0	0	0	0	155	0	155	0	0

CHICAGO CUBS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Baker	81	0	19	18	11	0	11	1	0	10	3
Barney	143	0	0	135	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
Byrd	119	0	0	0	0	0	118	0	118	0	0
Campana	95	0	0	0	0	0	66	35	29	5	1
Castillo	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castro	158	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0	0
Clevenger	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Colvin	80	0	4	0	0	0	58	10	8	44	0
DeWitt	121	0	0	18	14	0	23	23	0	0	0
Fukudome	87	0	0	0	0	0	82	0	1	82	1
Hill	46	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	111	0	0	0	0	0	84	27	24	44	0
LaHair	20	0	4	0	0	0	14	5	0	9	0
LeMahieu	37	0	1	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montanez	36	0	0	0	0	0	25	10	1	14	0
Pena	153	0	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramirez	149	0	0	0	145	0	0	0	0	0	3
Snyder	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Soriano	137	0	0	0	0	0	128	128	0	0	3
Soto	125	122	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

HOUSTON ASTROS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Altuve	57	0	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes	123	0	0	0	0	122	0	0	0	0	0
Bogusevic	87	0	0	0	0	0	53	13	0	40	0
Bourgeois	93	0	0	2	0	0	73	34	34	13	0
Cancel	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corporan	52	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Downs	106	0	13	27	19	2	3	0	0	3	0
Durango	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Inglett	20	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	107	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	155	0	79	0	0	0	80	80	0	0	6
Martinez	53	0	0	0	0	0	52	51	0	1	0
Michaels	89	0	0	0	0	0	41	26	0	16	0
Paredes	46	0	0	0	46	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quintero	79	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sanchez	110	0	0	19	10	46	0	0	0	0	0
Schaefer	82	0	0	0	0	0	79	0	79	0	0
Shuck	37	0	0	0	0	0	26	6	9	16	0
Towles	54	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace	115	0	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CINCINNATI REDS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Alonso	47	0	3	0	1	0	16	16	0	0	0
Bruce	157	0	0	0	0	0	155	0	0	155	0
Cairo	102	0	5	13	58	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cozart	11	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
Francisco	31	0	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frazier	41	0	1	2	27	2	4	4	0	0	0
Hanigan	91	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heisey	120	0	0	0	0	0	102	88	18	10	0
Hernandez	91	82	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Janish	114	0	0	5	8	103	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis	81	0	0	0	0	0	48	45	0	4	1
Mescaraco	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	150	0	0	148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Renteria	96	0	0	4	0	86	0	0	0	0	0
Rolen	65	0	0	0	63	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sappelt	38	0	0	0	0	0	33	31	4	0	0
Stubbs	158	0	0	0	0	0	157	0	157	0	0
Valaika	14	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Votto	161	0	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

LOS ANGELES DODGERS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Barajas	98	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blake	63	0	8	0	45	0	2	2	0	0	0
Carroll	146	0	0	81	0	66	0	0	0	0	0
Castro	7	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
De Jesus	17	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ellis	31	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ethier	135	0	0	0	0	0	126	0	0	126	2
Federowicz	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gibbons	24	0	0	0	0	0	14	10	0	4	1
Gimenez	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwynn	136	0	0	0	0	0	121	110	12	2	0
Hoffmann	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kemp	161	0	0	0	0	0	159	0	159	0	2
Loney	158	0	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Miles	136	0	0	72	61	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchell	25	0	6	0	11	0	1	0	0	1	0
Navarro	64	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oeltjen	61	0	0	0	0	0	23	13	1	11	3
Rivera	62	0	17	0	0	0	45	32	0	13	0
Sands	61	0	6	0	0	0	57	41	1	22	0
Sellers	36	0	0	12	5	19	0	0	0	0	0
Gordon	56	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0
Thames	36	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	0	0	2
Uribe	77	0	0	18	59	4	0	0	0	0	0
Velez	34	0	0	11	0	0	4	4	0	0	0

COLORADO ROCKIES

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Alfonzo	25	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blackmon	27	0	0	0	0	0	27	25	2	0	0
Ellis	70	0	0	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Field	16	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	0	1	0
Fowler	125	0	0	0	0	0	122	0	122	0	0
Garner	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0
Giambi	64	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Gomez	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
C. Gonzalez	127	0	0	0	0	0	125	61	30	34	0
Helton	124	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herrera	104	0	0	62	9	21	0	0	0	0	0
Iannetta	112	105	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kouzmanoff	27	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Morales	22	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	63	0	0	29	24	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pacheco	21	2	13	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rohlinger	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosario	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith	147	0	0	0	0	0	129	25	0	107	0
Spilborghs	98	0	0	0	0	0	64	29	13	29	0
Stewart	48	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tulowitzki	143	0	0	0	0	140	0	0	0	0	0
Wigginton	130	0	36	0	68	0	27	21	0	6	0
Young	77	0	0	7	0	0	43	35	5	3	1

MIAMI MARLINS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Amezaga	40	0	0	16	2	2	6	4	0	2	0
Baker	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bonifacio	152	0	0	5	36	67	60	32	16	15	0
Buck	140	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron	45	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	40	0	0
Coghlan	65	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	65	0	0
Cousins	48	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	5	12	0
Dobbs	134	0	4	0	100	0	6	3	0	4	2
Dominguez	17	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hayes	64	50	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0
Helms	69	0	5	2	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infante	148	0	0	146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lopez	82	0	8	20	39	0	0	0	0	0	3
Martinez	20	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0	0	0
Morrison	123	0	1	0	0	0	119	119	0	0	1
Murphy	36	0	1	15	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Petersen	74	0	0	0	0	0	62	22	42	10	0
Ramírez	92	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	0	0	3
Rottino	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	0
G. Sanchez	159	0	153	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Stanton	150	0	0	0	0	0	142	0	1	142	1
Thurston	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wise	49	0	0	0	0	0	34	10	25	0	0

MILWAUKEE BREWERS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Almonte	16	0	2	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0
Betancourt	152	0	0	0	0	149	0	0	0	0	0
Boggs	16	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	1	2	0
Braun	150	0	0	0	0	0	147	147	0	0	1
Carroll	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Counsell	107	0	0	25	14	23	1	1	0	0	0
Farris	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Felder	162	0	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Gamel	10	0	2	0	3	0	2	2	0	0	2
Gomez	94	0	0	0	0	0	87	0	87	0	0
T. Green	20	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hairston	120	0	0	30	49	2	42	23	20	0	0
Hart	130	0	0	0	0	0	126	0	0	126	0
Kotsay	104	0	11	0	0	0	54	19	10	30	0
Kottaras	49	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lopez	16	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lucroy	136	132	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maldonado	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McGehee	155	0	5	0	147	0	0	0	0	1	0
Morgan	119	0	0	0	0	0	111	17	95	20	0
Nieves	20	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reed	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schafer	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
Weeks	118	0	0	115	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Wilson	60	0	1	10	13	11	3	3	0	0	0

PITTSBURGH PIRATES

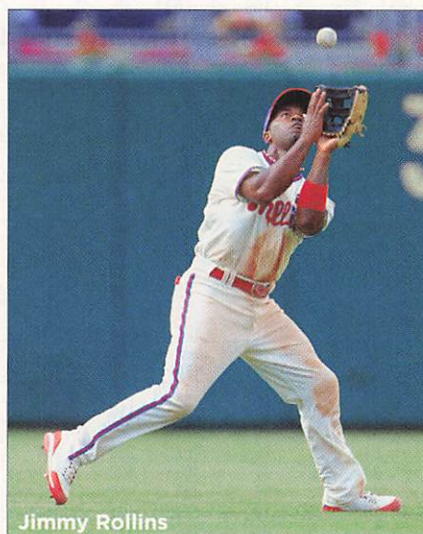
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Alvarez	74	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedeno	128	0	0	1	0	125	0	0	0	0	0
Ciriaco	23	0	0	0	2	7	2	2	0	0	0
D'Arnaud	48	0	0	1	12	29	0	0	0	0	0
Doumit	77	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fryer	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harrison	65	0	0	6	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jaramillo	23	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jones	148	0	34	0	0	0	90	0	90	2	0
Lee	28	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ludwick	139	0	0	0	0	0	131	117	0	14	4
A. McCutchen	158	0	0	0	0	0	155	0	155	0	1
McKenry	58	58	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagnozzi	12	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul	128	0	0	0	0	0	101	27	9	72	0
Pearce	50	0	16	0	10	0	5	0	0	5	0
Presley	52	0	0	0	0	0	51	48	5	0	0
Rodriguez	7	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Snyder	34	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tabata	91	0	0	0	0	0	88	76	2	15	0
Toregas	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker	159	0	0	159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B. Wood	99	0	9	3	61	19	0	0	0	0	1

SAN DIEGO PADRES

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Bartlett	139	0	0	0	0	138	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	55	0	13	0	0	0	37	37	0	0	0
Cabrera	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cantu	57	0	26	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cunningham	52	0	0	0	0	0	26	13	0	18	0
Darnell	18	0	0	0	12	0	3	3	0	0	0
Denorfia	111	0	0	0	0	0	95	33	15	62	0
Forsythe	62	0	0	23	26	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gonzalez	102	0	4	41	21	30	0	0	0	0	0
Guzman	76	0	53	0	0	0	7	6	0	1	4
Hawpe	62	0	44	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	1
Headley	113	0	0	0	107	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herrnida	30	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	0	14	0
Hudson	119	0	0	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hundley	82	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunter	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Johnson	67	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martinez	22	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maybin	137	0	0	0	0	0	136	0	136	0	0
Parrino	24	0	0	3	11	4	5	1	0	4	0
Patterson	47	0	0	10	0	0	16	4	7	6	0
Phillips	36	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rizzo	49	0	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tekotte	19	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	7	1	0
Venable	121	0	0	0	0	0	109	7	14	91	0

NEW YORK METS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Baxter	22	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	0	10	0
Bay	123	0	0	0	0	0	122	122	0	0	0
Davis	36	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duda	100	0	43	0	0	0	46	4	0	42	1
Emaus	14	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Evans	59	0	45	0	2	0	9	1	0	8	0
Hairston	79	0	0	1	0	0	35	10	15	3	0
Harris	126	0	0	10	7	0	44	33	7	6	2
Hu	22	0	0	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Martinez	11	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	3	2
Murphy	109	0	52	24	28	0	1	1	0	0	0
Nickas	21	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pagan	123	0	0	0	0	0	121	0	121	0	0
Pascucci	10	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paulino	78	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pridie	101	0	0	0	0	0	75	13	43	21	0
Reyes	126	0	0	0	0	0	124	0	0	0	0
Satin	15	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tejada	96	0	0	55	0	41	0	0	0	0	0
Thole	114	102	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turner	117	0	0	78	36	1	0	0	0	0	0
Wright	102	0	0	0	101	1	0	0	0	0	0



ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Berkman	145	0	21	0	0	0	126	16	0	110	2
Brown	11	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	7	0
M. Carpenter	7	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chambers	18	0	0	0	0	0	11	6	5	1	0
Craig	75	0	2	8	2	0	48	26	5	18	0
Cruz	38	20	2	1	3	0	2	0	0	2	0
Descalso	148	0	0	18	117	13	0	0	0	0	0
Freese	97	0	5	0	88	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furcal	87	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	58	0	0	25	0	20	10	2	0	8	0
Hamilton	38	0	8	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2
Holliday	124	0	0	0	0	0	115	115	0	5	0
Jay	159	0	0	0	0	0	140	19	75	56	0
Kozma	16	0	0	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Laird	37	31	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Molina	139	137	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patterson	44	0	0	0	0	0	30	5	10	16	0
Pujols	147	0	146	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punto	63	0	0	45	7	8	0	0	0	0	0
Rasmus	94	0	0	0	0	92	0	92	0	0	0
Robinson	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	5	3	0
Schumaker	117	0	0	95	0	0	40	6	5	31	0
Theriot	132	0	0	35	0	91	0	0	0	0	0

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

PLAYER	G	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	OF	LF	CF	RF	DH
Belt	63	0	31	0	0	0	32	31	0	1	0
Beltran	142	0	0	0	0	0	134	0	134	3	0
Burrell	92	0	0	0	0	0	54	54	0	0	0
Burriss	59	0	2	39	2	9	2	2	0	0	0
Cabrera	39	0	0	2	1	36	0	0	0	0	0
Christian	18	0	0	0	0	0	17	6	10	3	0
Crawford	66	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0
DeRosa	47	0	10	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fontenot	85	0	0	23	8	37	0	0	0	0	0
Ford	26	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0
Gillaspie	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hall	62	0	0	51	0	0	1	1	0	0	1
Huff	150	0	120	0	0	0	16	9	0	13	2
Keppinger	99	0	0	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pill	15	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Posey	45	41	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross	121	0	0	0	0	0	115	83	22	35	0
Rowand	108	0	0	0	0	0	84	46	60	3	2
F. Sanchez	60	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H. Sanchez	13	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandoval	117	0	6	0	106	0	0	0	0	0	1
Schierholtz	115	0	0	0	0	103	8	0	96	0	0
Stewart	67	63	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tejada	91	0	0	4	44	42	0	0	0	0	0
Torres	112	0	0	0	0	0	109	1	106	4	0
Whiteside	82	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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TEAM BATTING

CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	OR	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	GS	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GIDP	LOB	SHO	SLG	OBP
TEXAS	.283	162	5659	855	677	1599	2603	310	32	210	5	807	39	49	39	475	35	930	143	45	135	1126	8	.460	.340
BOSTON	.280	162	5710	875	737	1600	2631	352	35	203	3	842	22	50	50	578	52	1108	102	42	136	1190	11	.461	.349
DETROIT	.277	162	5563	787	711	1540	2412	297	34	169	3	750	50	58	39	521	47	1143	49	20	142	1165	5	.434	.340
KANSAS CITY	.275	162	5672	730	762	1560	2354	325	41	129	1	705	55	57	39	442	37	1006	153	58	121	1156	8	.415	.329
NEW YORK	.263	162	5518	867	657	1452	2451	267	33	222	10	836	36	51	74	627	34	1138	147	46	146	1114	8	.444	.343
BALTIMORE	.257	162	5585	708	860	1434	2306	273	13	191	3	684	24	43	52	452	24	1120	81	25	154	1069	7	.413	.316
LOS ANGELES	.253	162	5513	667	633	1394	2216	289	34	155	2	629	50	32	51	442	33	1086	135	52	126	1051	11	.402	.313
CHICAGO	.252	162	5502	654	706	1387	2133	252	16	154	3	625	52	46	84	475	31	989	81	53	125	1126	10	.388	.319
CLEVELAND	.250	162	5509	704	760	1380	2184	290	26	154	2	671	31	43	65	494	30	1269	89	42	111	1075	13	.396	.317
TORONTO	.249	162	5559	743	761	1384	2295	285	34	186	5	704	31	47	48	525	41	1184	131	52	108	1090	8	.413	.317
MINNESOTA	.247	162	5487	619	804	1357	1975	259	25	103	2	572	31	25	37	440	24	1048	92	39	115	1080	13	.360	.306
OAKLAND	.244	162	5452	645	679	1330	2010	280	29	114	2	612	34	57	50	509	20	1094	117	43	119	1106	15	.369	.311
TAMPA BAY	.244	162	5436	707	614	1324	2187	273	37	172	2	674	37	35	73	571	31	1193	155	62	101	1118	15	.402	.322
SEATTLE	.233	162	5421	556	675	1263	1887	253	22	109	3	534	38	41	37	435	33	1280	125	40	82	1083	16	.348	.292

Individual Batting — 2011 Season and Career Stats (min. 200 ABs, some NL stats are included in 2011 totals)

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Abreu, Bobby	LAA	142	502	54	127	30	1	8	60	78	113	21	5	.253	.353	.365	.717
		2247	8128	1412	2334	554	58	284	1325	1419	1763	393	126	.293	.397	.481	.878
Ackley, Dustin	SEA	90	333	39	91	16	7	6	36	40	79	6	0	.273	.348	.417	.766
		90	333	39	91	16	7	6	36	40	79	6	0	.273	.348	.417	.766
Andino, Robert	BAL	139	457	63	120	22	0	5	36	41	83	13	3	.263	.327	.344	.670
		312	860	111	211	41	0	11	64	69	182	19	7	.245	.302	.331	.634
Andrus, Elvis	TEX	150	587	96	164	27	3	5	60	56	74	37	12	.279	.347	.361	.708
		443	1655	256	448	59	14	11	135	160	247	102	33	.271	.340	.343	.683
Arencibia, J.P.	TOR	129	443	47	97	20	4	23	78	36	133	1	1	.219	.282	.438	.720
		140	478	50	102	21	4	25	82	38	144	1	1	.213	.275	.431	.706
Avila, Alex	DET	141	464	63	137	33	4	19	82	73	131	3	1	.295	.389	.506	.895
		274	819	100	221	49	4	31	127	119	220	5	3	.270	.362	.453	.815
Aviles, Mike	KC/BOS	91	286	31	73	17	3	7	39	13	44	14	4	.255	.289	.409	.698
		339	1249	172	360	63	11	26	130	55	177	37	12	.288	.318	.419	.737
Aybar, Erick	LAA	143	556	71	155	33	8	10	59	31	68	30	6	.279	.322	.421	.743
		629	2174	286	599	98	28	24	206	120	288	78	27	.276	.319	.379	.699
Barton, Daric	OAK	67	236	27	50	13	0	0	21	39	47	2	1	.212	.325	.267	.592
		438	1470	212	371	84	11	26	157	250	284	12	7	.252	.362	.378	.740
Bautista, Jose	TOR	149	513	105	155	24	2	43	103	132	111	9	5	.302	.447	.608	1.056
		885	2836	455	721	149	13	156	438	452	661	32	16	.254	.362	.481	.843
Beckham, Gordon	CWS	150	499	60	115	23	0	10	44	35	111	5	3	.230	.296	.337	.633
		384	1321	176	329	76	3	33	156	113	268	16	13	.249	.318	.386	.704
Beltre, Adrian	TEX	124	487	82	144	33	0	32	105	25	53	1	1	.296	.331	.561	.892
		1959	7361	994	2033	430	28	310	1113	543	1219	114	40	.276	.329	.469	.797
Betemit, Wilson	KC/DET	97	323	40	92	22	4	8	46	31	105	4	1	.285	.343	.452	.795
		697	1742	223	469	107	8	63	243	180	506	9	7	.269	.336	.448	.784
Boesch, Brennan	DET	115	428	75	121	25	1	16	54	35	83	5	3	.283	.341	.458	.799
		248	892	124	240	51	4	30	121	75	182	12	4	.269	.330	.436	.766
Bourjos, Peter	LAA	147	502	72	136	26	11	12	43	32	124	22	9	.271	.327	.438	.765
		198	683	91	173	32	15	18	58	38	164	32	12	.253	.303	.423	.727
Brantley, Michael	CLE	114	451	63	120	24	4	7	46	34	76	13	5	.266	.318	.384	.702
		214	860	111	228	37	7	10	79	64	133	27	11	.265	.316	.359	.675
Brignac, Reid	TB	92	249	18	48	4	0	1	15	10	63	3	1	.193	.227	.221	.448
		240	650	68	150	25	3	10	66	34	165	8	6	.231	.272	.325	.597
Butera, Drew	MIN	93	234	19	39	9	1	2	23	11	42	0	0	.167	.210	.239	.449
		142	376	31	67	15	2	4	36	15	67	0	0	.178	.220	.261	.481
Butler, Billy	KC	159	597	74	174	44	0	19	95	66	95	2	1	.291	.361	.461	.822
		692	2572	311	764	185	3	74	373	253	388	3	2	.297	.360	.458	.817
Cabrera, Asdrubal	CLE	151	604	87	165	32	3	25	92	44	119	17	5	.273	.332	.460	.792
		538	2019	285	567	119	10	43	258	176	374	44	17	.281	.343	.414	.756
Cabrera, Melky	KC	155	658	102	201	44	5	18	87	35	94	20	10	.305	.339	.470	.809
		871	3039	402	336	161	20	58	357	248	404	71	25	.275	.331	.398	.729
Cabrera, Miguel	DET	161	572	111	197	48	0	30	105	108	89	2	1	.344	.448	.586	1.033
		1351	5041	852	1597	346	13	277	984	643	1009	29	17	.317	.395	.555	.950
Callaspo, Alberto	LAA	141	475	54	137	23	0	6	46	58	48	8	1	.288	.366	.375	.740
		595	2012	227	565	108	14	27	204	173	175	18	8	.281	.337	.389	.725
Cano, Robinson	NY	159	623	104	188	46	7	28	118	38	96	8	2	.302	.349	.533	.882
		1053	4104	613	1263	286	27	144	621	224	508	28	25	.308	.347	.496	.843
Carp, Mike	SEA	79	290	27	80	17	1	12	46	19	81	0	2	.276	.326	.466	.791
		114	381	35	104	22	2	13	51	31	99	0	2	.273	.334	.444	.778
Carrera, Ezequiel	CLE	68	202	27	49	8	3	0	14	16	35	10	5	.243	.301	.312	.613
		68	202	27	49	8	3	0	14	16	35	10	5	.243	.301	.312	.613
Casilla, Alexi	MIN	97	323	52	84	21	4	2	21	28	45	15	4	.260	.322	.368	.691
		409	1281	177	323	55	12	10	117	105	173	50	8	.252	.310	.337	.647
Chavez, Endy	TEX	83	256	37	77	11	3	5	27	10	30	10	5	.301	.323	.426	.749
		910	2493	326	682	112	32	24	217	150	271	97	35	.274	.313	.373	.686

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Chisenhall, Lonnie	CLE	66	212	27	54	13	0	7	22	8	49	1	0	.255	.284	.415	.699
		66	212	27	54	13	0	7	22	8	49	1	0	.255	.284	.415	.699
Choo, Shin-Soo	CLE	85	313	37	81	11	3	8	36	36	78	12	5	.259	.344	.390	.733
		544	1955	302	569	120	17	67	306	264	484	64	21	.291	.384	.473	.856
Crawford, Carl	BOS	130	506	65	129	29	7	11	56	23	104	18	6	.255	.289	.405	.694
		1365	5498	830	1609	244	112	115	648	316	872	427	96	.293	.333	.441	.773
Crisp, Coco	OAK	136	531	69	140	27	5	8	54	41	65	49	9	.264	.314	.379	.693
		1043	3927	583	1081	207	40	75	419	330	567	218	60	.275	.330	.406	.735
Cruz, Nelson	TEX	124	475	64	125	28	1	29	87	33	116	9	5	.263	.312	.509	.821
		536	1893	269	512	108	8	106	323	167	462	52	18	.270	.330	.504	.834
Cuddyer, Michael	MIN	139	529	70	150	29	2	20	70	48	95	11	1	.284	.346	.459	.805
		1139	4072	606	1106	239	35	141	580	411	805	52	16	.272	.343	.451	.794
Damon, Johnny	TB	150	582	79	152	29	7	16	73	51	92	19	6	.261	.326	.418	.743
		2426	9529	1643	2723	516	107	231	1120	986	1230	404	103	.286	.353	.435	.789
Davis, Rajai	TOR	95	320	44	76	21	6	1	29	15	63	34	11	.238	.273	.350	.623
		571	1653	238	451	93	20	13	157	101	282	177	49	.273	.319	.377	.696
DeJesus, David	OAK	131	442	60	106	20	5	10	46	45	86	4	3	.240	.323	.376	.698
		1007	3797	561	1077	207	50	71	436	359	575	51	46	.284	.356	.421	.776
Dirks, Andy	DET	78	219	34	55	13	0	7	28	11	36	5	2	.251	.296	.406	.703
		78	219	34	55	13	0	7	28	11	36	5	2	.251	.296	.406	.703
Drew, J.D.	BOS	81	248	23	55	6	1	4	22	33	58	0	1	.222	.315	.302	.617
		1566	5173	944	1437	273	48	242	795	862	1137	87	37	.278	.384	.489	.873
Duncan, Shelley	CLE	76	223	29	58	17	0	11	47	19	56	0	1	.260	.324	.484	.808
		229	598	82	143	31	0	30	107	60	170	1	1	.239	.313	.441	.754
Dunn, Adam	CWS	122	415	36	66	16	0	11	42	75	177	0	1	.159	.292	.277	.569
		1570	5390	901	1312	282	10	365	922	1065	1809	59	22	.243	.374	.503	.876
Ellsbury, Jacoby	BOS	158	660	119	212	46	5	32	105	52	98	39	15	.321	.376	.552	.928
		507	2032	341	611	106	23	52	235	154	276	175	39	.301	.354	.452	.807
Encarnacion, Edwin	TOR	134	481	70	131	36	0	17	55	43	77	8	2	.272	.334	.453	.787
		786	2731	378	711	166	5	117	392	270	530	29	7	.260	.336	.453	.789
Escobar, Alcides	KC	158	548	69	139	21	8	4	46	25	73	26	9	.254	.290	.343	.633
		350	1183	148	298	38	19	9	98	65	162	40	15	.252	.294	.339	.633
Escobar, Yunel	TOR	133	513	77	149	24	3	11	48	61	70	3	3	.290	.369	.413	.782
		639	2371	351	686	118	7	44	247	260	295	21	17	.289	.366	.401	.766
Figgins, Chone	SEA	81	288	24	54	11	1	1	15	21	42	11	6	.188	.241	.243	.484
		1178	4475	682	1255	180	56	33	391	507	769	333	117	.280	.352	.368	.720
Francœur, Jeff	KC	153	601	77	171	47	4	20	87	37	123	22	10	.285	.329	.476	.805
		998	3797	479	1027	214	20	121	552	205	726	45	28	.270	.313	.433	.746
Fukudome, Kosuke	CHC/CLE	146	530	59	139	27	3	8	35	61	110	4	6	.262	.342	.370	.712
		572	1888	262	491	110	13	42	191	299	393	29	28	.260	.361	.399	.760
Fuld, Sam	TB	105	308	41	74	18	5	3	27	32	49	20	8	.240	.313	.360	.673
		203	439	64	107	25	6	4	32	55	67	22	9	.244	.330	.355	.685
Gardner, Brett	NYN	159	510	87	132	19	8	7	36	60	93	49	13	.259	.345	.369	.713
		459	1362	250	360	50	23	15	122	173	264	135	28	.264	.353	.368	.721
Getz, Chris	KC	118	380	50	97	6	3	0	26	30	45	21	7	.255	.313	.287	.600
		307	986	124	250	33	7	2	76	79	128	62	12	.254	.315	.307	.622
Gonzalez, Adrian	BOS	159	630	108	213	45	3	27	117	74	119	1	0	.338	.410	.548	.957
		1017	3797	596	1113	231	11	195	642	489	780	2	2	.293	.375	.514	.889
Gordon, Alex	KC	151	611	101	185	45	4	23	87	67	139	17	8	.303	.376	.502	.879
		559	2053	295	537	132	9	68	248	229	501	46	19	.262	.343	.434	.777
Granderson, Curtis	NYN	156	583	136	153	26	10	41	119	85	169	25	10	.262	.364	.552	.916
		966	3628	647	970	168	74	167	485	412	903	104	29	.267	.345	.493	.837
Guerrero, Vladimir	BAL	145	562	60	153	30	1	13	63	17	56	2	2	.290	.317	.416	.733
		2147	8155	1328	2590	477	46	449	1496	737	985	181	94	.318	.379	.553	.931
Gutierrez, Franklin	SEA	92	322	26	72	13	0	1	19	16	56	13	2	.224	.261	.273	.534
		681	2262	290	579	110	8	53	238	164	507	71	16	.256	.308	.382	.690
Hafner, Travis	CLE	94	325	41	91	16	0	13	57	36	78	0	0	.280	.361	.449	.811
		1035	3577	565	1004	236	10	189	660	534	850	9	7	.281	.383	.511	.894
Hamilton, Josh	TEX	121	487	80	145	31	5	25	94	39	93	8	1	.298	.346	.536	.882
		589	2263	368	698	142	17	118	425	203	458	36	9	.308	.366	.543	.909
Hannahan, Jack	CLE	110	320	38	80	16	2	8	40	38	80	2	1	.250	.331	.388	.719
		400	1176	129	272	69	4	24	130	145	322	6	2	.231	.317	.358	.675
Hardy, J.J.	BAL	129	527	76	142	27	0	30	80	31	92	0	0	.269	.310	.491	.801
		801	2942	399	776	150	11	111	383	248	473	6	7	.264	.320	.435	.756
Hosmer, Eric	KC	128	523	66	153	27	3	19	78	34	82	11	5	.293	.334	.465	.799
		128	523	66	153	27	3	19	78	34	82	11	5	.293	.334	.465	.799
Hughes, Luke	MIN	96	287	31	64	12	0	7	30	24	79	3	2	.223	.289	.338	.627
		98	294	32	66	12	0	8	31	24	82	3	3	.224	.289	.347	.636
Hunter, Torii	LAA	156	580	80	152	24	2	23	82	62	125	5	7	.262	.336	.429	.765
		1807	6647	987	1819	382	31	281	1051	539	1301	177	88	.274	.332	.467	.800
Inge, Brandon	DET	102	269	29	53	10	2	3	23	24	74	1	1	.197	.265	.283	.548
		1399	4606	525	1081	211	38	139	587	417	1183	45	39	.235	.305	.388	.692
Izturis, Maicer	LAA	122	449	51	124	35	0	5	38	33	65	9	6	.276	.334	.388	.722
		691	2324	335	640	135	17	32	281	213	275	74	26	.275	.339	.389	.728
Jackson, Austin	DET	153	591	90	147	22	11	10	45	56	181	22	5	.249	.317	.374	.690
		304	1209	193	328	56	21	14	86	103	351	49	11	.271	.331	.387	.718
Jackson, Conor	OAK/BOS	114	352	32	86	17	1	5	43	32	53	3	1	.244	.310	.341	.651
		658	2184	291	591	123	9	52	295	252	291	27	6	.271	.351	.407	.757
Jaso, John	TB	89	246	26	55	15	1	5	27	25	36	1	2	.224	.298	.354	.651
		203	595	85	146	33	4	10	71	84	77	5	2	.245	.340	.365	.705
Jennings, Desmond	TB	63	247	44	64	9	4	10	25	31	59	20	6	.259	.356	.449	.805
		80	268	49	68	10	5	10	27	33	63	22	8	.254	.351	.440	.791
Jeter, Derek	NYN	131	546	84	162	24	4	6	61	46	81	16	6	.297	.355	.388	.743
		2426	9868	1769	3088	492	65	240	1196	994	1653	339	91	.313	.383	.449	.832

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Wrangler

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Johnson, Kelly	ARI/TOR	147	545	75	121	27	7	21	58	60	163	16	6	.222	.304	.413	.717
		791	2791	438	726	160	34	92	335	342	670	58	27	.260	.343	.441	.784
Jones, Adam	BAL	151	567	68	159	26	2	25	83	29	113	12	4	.280	.319	.466	.785
		624	2237	310	616	100	18	75	291	117	476	44	20	.275	.319	.437	.756
Joyce, Matt	TB	141	462	69	128	32	2	19	75	49	106	13	1	.277	.347	.478	.825
		321	952	142	247	64	8	44	155	123	233	16	5	.259	.345	.482	.828
Kelly, Don	DET	112	257	35	63	8	3	7	28	14	32	2	1	.245	.291	.381	.672
		287	578	75	139	15	4	16	58	29	87	6	1	.240	.285	.363	.648
Kendrick, Howie	LAA	140	537	86	153	30	6	18	63	33	119	14	6	.285	.338	.464	.802
		655	2472	337	723	163	18	50	305	111	447	61	22	.292	.329	.434	.763
Kennedy, Adam	SEA	114	380	36	89	23	1	7	38	22	67	8	2	.234	.277	.355	.632
		1605	5305	660	1444	280	41	78	555	378	806	178	61	.272	.326	.385	.711
Kinsler, Ian	TEX	155	620	121	158	34	4	32	77	89	71	30	4	.255	.355	.477	.832
		773	3001	558	826	176	16	124	395	351	419	136	22	.275	.355	.469	.824
Konerko, Paul	CWS	149	543	69	163	25	0	31	105	77	89	1	1	.300	.388	.518	.906
		1998	7185	1040	2024	364	8	396	1261	810	1183	9	4	.282	.358	.500	.858
Kotchman, Casey	TB	146	500	44	153	24	2	10	48	48	66	2	2	.306	.378	.422	.800
		791	2588	276	693	145	7	59	332	240	289	11	9	.268	.336	.398	.733
Kubel, Jason	MIN	99	366	37	100	21	1	12	58	32	86	1	1	.273	.332	.434	.766
		753	2559	334	694	142	13	104	429	250	532	10	5	.271	.335	.459	.794
LaPorta, Matt	CLE	107	352	34	87	23	1	11	53	23	87	1	0	.247	.299	.412	.711
		269	909	104	216	51	2	30	115	81	206	3	0	.238	.304	.397	.701
Lind, Adam	TOR	125	499	56	125	16	0	26	87	32	107	1	1	.251	.295	.439	.734
		621	2331	296	622	132	7	106	367	165	497	5	4	.267	.316	.466	.782
Longoria, Evan	TB	133	483	78	118	26	1	31	99	80	93	3	2	.244	.355	.495	.850
		563	2089	341	573	147	8	113	401	270	479	34	7	.274	.360	.515	.874
Lowrie, Jed	BOS	88	309	40	78	14	4	6	36	23	60	1	1	.252	.303	.382	.685
		256	808	110	204	55	7	19	117	89	173	3	2	.252	.324	.408	.732
Markakis, Nick	BAL	160	641	72	182	31	1	15	73	62	75	12	3	.284	.351	.406	.756
		946	3635	520	1073	237	12	104	495	394	563	55	20	.295	.365	.453	.818
Marson, Lou	CLE	79	243	26	56	9	2	1	19	24	68	4	2	.230	.300	.296	.596
		188	570	66	124	31	2	5	47	60	146	12	3	.218	.295	.305	.600
Martin, Russell	NYN	125	417	57	99	17	0	18	65	50	81	8	2	.237	.324	.408	.732
		792	2761	404	737	132	7	72	365	369	451	74	30	.267	.359	.398	.757
Martinez, Victor	DET	145	540	76	178	40	0	12	103	46	51	1	0	.330	.380	.470	.850
		1149	4279	585	1298	275	3	143	741	457	533	4	3	.303	.370	.469	.840
Mathis, Jeff	LAA	93	247	18	43	12	0	3	22	15	75	1	2	.174	.225	.259	.484
		426	1201	132	233	48	1	26	139	95	361	8	8	.194	.257	.301	.557
Matsui, Hideki	OAK	141	517	58	130	28	0	12	72	56	84	1	1	.251	.321	.375	.696
		1202	4347	649	1239	248	12	173	753	539	667	13	9	.285	.363	.467	.830
Mauer, Joe	MIN	82	296	38	85	15	0	3	30	32	38	0	0	.287	.360	.368	.729
		918	3388	545	1096	216	16	84	502	465	387	35	11	.323	.403	.471	.874
Morel, Brent	CWS	126	413	44	101	18	1	10	41	22	57	5	4	.245	.287	.366	.653
		147	478	53	116	21	1	13	48	26	74	7	4	.243	.285	.372	.657
Moreland, Mitch	TEX	134	464	60	120	22	1	16	51	39	92	2	2	.259	.320	.414	.733
		181	609	80	157	26	1	25	76	64	128	5	3	.258	.331	.427	.758
Morneau, Justin	MIN	69	264	19	60	16	0	4	30	19	44	0	0	.227	.285	.333	.618
		1017	3749	550	1055	231	14	185	709	415	639	4	7	.281	.353	.499	.851
Moustakas, Mike	KC	89	338	26	89	18	1	5	30	22	51	2	0	.263	.309	.367	.675
		89	338	26	89	18	1	5	30	22	51	2	0	.263	.309	.367	.675
Murphy, David	TEX	120	404	46	111	14	2	11	46	33	61	11	6	.275	.328	.401	.729
		560	1797	246	504	105	10	58	258	169	332	41	14	.280	.339	.447	.786
Napoli, Mike	TEX	113	369	72	118	25	0	30	75	58	85	4	2	.320	.414	.631	1.046
		619	1918	318	507	104	4	122	324	259	548	25	15	.264	.359	.514	.873
Nishioka, Tsuyoshi	MIN	68	221	14	50	5	0	0	19	15	43	2	4	.226	.278	.249	.527
		68	221	14	50	5	0	0	19	15	43	2	4	.226	.278	.249	.527
Nunez, Eduardo	NYN	112	309	38	82	18	2	5	30	22	37	22	6	.265	.313	.385	.698
		142	359	50	96	19	2	6	37	25	39	27	6	.267	.314	.382	.696
Olivo, Miguel	SEA	130	477	54	107	19	1	19	62	20	140	6	5	.224	.253	.388	.641
		996	3353	399	815	161	25	129	450	145	940	50	28	.243	.279	.421	.700
Ordonez, Magglio	DET	92	329	33	84	10	0	5	32	23	41	2	1	.255	.303	.331	.634
		1848	6978	1076	2156	426	21	294	1236	651	852	94	50	.309	.369	.502	.871
Ortiz, David	BOS	146	525	84	162	40	1	29	96	78	83	1	1	.309	.398	.554	.953
		1742	6215	1059	1760	456	16	378	1266	955	1335	11	7	.283	.378	.544	.922
Pedroia, Dustin	BOS	159	635	102	195	37	3	21	91	86	85	26	8	.307	.387	.474	.861
		715	2825	479	862	206	8	75	344	301	269	82	20	.305	.373	.463	.837
Pena, Brayan	KC	72	222	17	55	11	0	3	24	12	24	0	0	.248	.288	.338	.625
		267	672	61	169	36	0	12	73	40	86	2	1	.251	.293	.359	.652
Pennington, Cliff	OAK	148	515	57	136	26	2	8	58	42	104	14	9	.264	.319	.369	.687
		400	1330	162	345	68	13	18	134	124	264	54	20	.259	.324	.371	.695
Peralta, Jhonny	DET	146	525	68	157	25	3	21	86	40	95	0	2	.299	.345	.478	.824
		1126	4177	568	1118	233	19	132	580	390	955	9	16	.268	.330	.427	.758
Pierre, Juan	CWS	158	639	80	178	17	4	2	50	43	41	27	17	.279	.329	.327	.657
		1751	6823	980	2020	234	86	16	484	428	425	554	190	.296	.345	.363	.708
Pierzynski, A.J.	CWS	129	464	38	133	29	1	8	48	23	33	0	0	.287	.323	.405	.728
		1494	5316	613	1512	314	17	128	653	230	621	13	19	.284	.324	.422	.746
Plouffe, Trevor	MIN	81	286	47	68	18	1	8	31	25	71	3	3	.238	.305	.392	.697
		103	327	54	74	19	1	10	37	25	85	3	3	.226	.286	.382	.668
Posada, Jorge	NYN	115	344	34	81	14	0	14	44	39	76	0	2	.235	.315	.398	.714
		1829	6092	900	1664	379	10	275	1065	936	1453	20	21	.273	.374	.474	.848
Quentin, Carlos	CWS	118	421	53	107	31	0	24	77	34	84	1	1	.254	.340	.499	.838
		616	2100	321	529	125	6	121	383	214	387	16	8	.252	.346	.490	.836
Raburn, Ryan	DET	121	387	53	99	22	2	14	49	21	114	1	1	.256	.297	.432	.729
		500	1368	209	368	81	8	53	204	100	363	15	8	.269	.323	.456	.779
Ramirez, Alexei	CWS	158	614	81	165	31	2	15	70	51	84	7	5	.269	.328	.399	.727
		598	2221	300	619	96	7	69	285	145	293	47	27	.279	.323	.421	.745

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Rasmus, Colby	STL/TOR	129	471	75	106	24	6	14	53	50	116	5	2	.225	.298	.391	.688
		420	1409	232	353	74	11	53	171	149	359	20	11	.251	.322	.432	.754
Reddick, Josh	BOS	87	254	41	71	18	3	7	28	19	50	1	2	.280	.327	.457	.784
		143	375	51	93	25	4	10	37	22	82	2	2	.248	.290	.416	.706
Reimold, Nolan	BAL	87	267	40	66	10	3	13	45	28	57	7	2	.247	.328	.453	.781
		230	741	98	190	33	5	31	104	87	160	15	4	.256	.339	.440	.779
Revere, Ben	MIN	117	450	56	120	9	5	0	30	26	41	34	9	.267	.310	.309	.619
		130	478	57	125	9	5	0	32	28	46	34	10	.262	.305	.301	.606
Reynolds, Mark	BAL	155	534	84	118	27	1	37	86	75	196	6	4	.221	.323	.483	.806
		718	2516	410	598	122	11	158	432	335	963	48	20	.238	.331	.483	.815
Rios, Alex	CWS	145	537	64	122	22	2	13	44	27	68	11	6	.227	.265	.348	.613
		1142	4321	615	1187	252	41	118	536	295	757	162	55	.275	.323	.434	.757
Rodriguez, Alex	NYN	99	373	67	103	21	0	16	62	47	80	4	1	.276	.362	.461	.823
		2402	9199	1824	2775	495	29	629	1893	1166	1916	305	73	.302	.386	.567	.953
Rodriguez, Sean	TB	131	373	45	83	20	3	8	36	38	87	11	7	.223	.323	.357	.679
		320	908	120	208	47	6	22	90	76	246	27	11	.229	.307	.367	.674
Ryan, Brendan	SEA	123	436	51	108	19	3	3	39	34	87	13	3	.248	.313	.326	.639
		538	1642	216	420	75	13	12	134	122	253	52	16	.256	.313	.339	.653
Saltalamacchia, Jarrod	BOS	103	358	52	84	23	3	16	56	24	119	1	0	.235	.288	.450	.737
		353	1171	154	286	64	4	39	151	102	370	1	4	.244	.307	.406	.712
Santana, Carlos	CLE	155	552	84	132	35	2	27	79	97	133	5	3	.239	.351	.457	.808
		201	702	107	171	48	2	33	101	134	162	8	3	.244	.362	.459	.821
Santiago, Ramon	DET	101	258	29	67	11	3	5	30	17	38	0	0	.260	.311	.384	.695
		672	1824	229	455	62	16	25	166	138	311	27	13	.249	.316	.342	.658
Scott, Luke	BAL	64	209	24	46	11	0	9	22	24	54	1	1	.220	.301	.402	.703
		702	2243	308	592	146	17	112	341	283	519	11	6	.264	.349	.494	.843
Scutaro, Marco	BOS	113	395	59	118	26	1	7	54	38	36	4	2	.299	.358	.423	.781
		1103	3768	538	1019	214	14	68	404	388	484	44	18	.270	.338	.389	.727
Shoppach, Kelly	TB	87	221	23	39	3	0	11	22	19	79	0	0	.176	.268	.339	.607
		460	1288	174	289	71	0	59	180	127	489	0	0	.224	.315	.417	.732
Sizemore, Grady	CLE	71	268	34	60	21	1	10	32	18	85	0	2	.224	.285	.422	.706
		892	3527	601	948	216	43	139	458	430	816	134	43	.269	.357	.473	.830
Sizemore, Scott	DET/OAK	110	368	50	90	22	1	11	56	53	112	5	3	.245	.342	.399	.741
		158	511	69	122	29	1	14	70	68	152	5	3	.239	.329	.382	.711
Smoak, Justin	SEA	123	427	38	100	24	0	15	55	55	105	0	0	.234	.323	.396	.719
		223	775	78	176	38	0	28	103	101	196	1	0	.227	.316	.385	.701
Span, Denard	MIN	70	284	37	75	11	5	2	16	27	36	6	1	.264	.328	.359	.687
		461	1838	289	523	67	32	19	189	207	259	73	22	.285	.361	.387	.748
Suzuki, Ichiro	SEA	161	677	80	184	22	3	5	47	39	69	40	7	.272	.310	.335	.645
		1749	7456	1127	2428	280	74	95	605	496	752	423	95	.326	.370	.421	.791
Suzuki, Kurt	OAK	134	460	54	109	26	0	14	44	38	64	2	2	.237	.301	.385	.686
		628	2268	264	586	119	4	56	284	167	280	15	9	.258	.318	.388	.706
Sweeney, Ryan	OAK	108	264	34	70	11	3	1	25	33	48	1	1	.265	.346	.341	.687
		472	1515	202	428	83	10	14	169	139	235	17	9	.283	.342	.378	.720
Swisher, Nick	NYN	150	526	81	137	30	0	23	85	95	125	2	2	.260	.374	.449	.822
		1061	3704	609	939	215	9	185	580	592	929	10	12	.254	.360	.466	.826
Teixeira, Mark	NYN	156	589	90	146	26	1	39	111	76	110	4	1	.248	.341	.494	.835
		1374	5213	872	1467	328	17	314	1017	692	1040	19	5	.281	.373	.532	.904
Thames, Eric	TOR	95	362	58	95	24	5	12	37	23	88	2	1	.262	.313	.456	.769
		95	362	58	95	24	5	12	37	23	88	2	1	.262	.313	.456	.769
Thome, Jim	MIN/CLE	93	277	32	71	16	0	15	50	46	92	0	0	.256	.361	.477	.838
		2485	8259	1566	2287	444	26	604	1674	1725	2487	19	20	.277	.403	.556	.959
Tolbert, Matt	MIN	87	207	22	41	10	2	0	11	11	31	3	2	.198	.252	.266	.518
		247	605	76	139	27	9	3	54	48	105	17	6	.230	.288	.319	.607
Torrealba, Yorvit	TEX	113	396	40	108	27	1	7	37	20	65	0	2	.273	.306	.399	.705
		782	2502	277	650	146	12	52	309	192	480	18	16	.260	.318	.390	.708
Trout, Mike	LAA	40	123	20	27	6	0	5	16	9	30	4	0	.220	.281	.390	.672
		40	123	20	27	6	0	5	16	9	30	4	0	.220	.281	.390	.672
Trumbo, Mark	LAA	149	539	65	137	31	1	29	87	25	120	9	4	.254	.291	.477	.768
		157	554	67	138	31	1	29	89	26	128	9	4	.249	.287	.466	.753
Upton, B.J.	TB	153	560	82	136	27	4	23	81	71	161	36	12	.243	.331	.429	.759
		820	2995	460	769	173	17	90	369	385	851	201	63	.257	.343	.416	.759
Valencia, Danny	MIN	154	564	63	139	28	2	15	72	40	102	2	6	.246	.294	.383	.677
		239	863	93	232	46	3	22	112	60	148	4	6	.269	.314	.406	.720
Varitek, Jason	BOS	68	222	32	49	10	1	11	36	21	67	0	0	.221	.300	.423	.723
		1546	5099	664	1307	306	14	193	757	614	1216	25	18	.256	.341	.435	.776
Vizquel, Omar	CWS	58	167	18	42	7	1	0	8	9	18	1	2	.252	.287	.305	.592
		2908	10433	1432	2841	451	76	80	944	1021	1070	401	165	.272	.337	.353	.690
Weeks, Jemile	OAK	97	406	50	123	26	8	2	36	21	62	22	11	.303	.340	.421	.761
		97	406	50	123	26	8	2	36	21	62	22	11	.303	.340	.421	.761
Wells, Casper	DET/SEA	95	215	30	51	11	0	11	27	18	71	3	2	.237	.317	.442	.759
		131	308	44	81	17	1	15	44	24	90	3	3	.263	.330	.471	.801
Wells, Vernon	LAA	131	505	60	110	15	4	25	66	20	86	9	4	.218	.248	.412	.660
		1524	5975	849	1639	354	34	248	879	426	848	99	33	.274	.323	.469	.792
Wieters, Matt	BAL	139	500	72	131	28	0	22	68	48	84	1	0	.262	.328	.450	.778
		365	1300	144	344	65	2	42	166	123	264	1	1	.265	.328	.415	.743
Willingham, Josh	OAK	136	488	69	120	26	0	29	98	56	150	4	1	.246	.332	.477	.810
		799	2707	389	708	156	13	132	434	358	665	29	7	.262	.361	.475	.836
Youkilis, Kevin	BOS	120	431	68	111	32	2	17	80	68	100	3	0	.258	.373	.459	.833
		911	3206	569	927	232	16	129	550	480	689	26	14	.289	.391	.492	.883
Young, Delmon	MIN/DET	124	473	54	127	21	1	12	64	23	85	1	0	.269	.302	.393	.695
		729	2784	342	802	158	9	71	408	125	514	34	19	.288	.321	.428	.749
Young, Michael	TEX	159	631	88	213	41	6	11	106	47	78	6	2	.338	.380	.474	.854
		1667	6788	1006	2061	388	52	169	917	499	1082	87	28	.304	.350	.451	.801
Zobrist, Ben	TB	156	588	99	158	46	6	20	91	77	128	19	6	.269	.353	.469	.822
		604	2108	317	542	120	19	72	314	298	423	67	18	.257	.348	.435	.782

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TEAM PITCHING

CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	CG	SHO	REL	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	OPP AVG
LOS ANGELES	86	76	3.57	162	12	11	386	39	1465.0	1388	633	581	142	36	476	34	1058	55	4	.251
TAMPA BAY	91	71	3.58	162	15	13	438	32	1449.0	1263	614	577	161	46	504	38	1143	45	3	.234
OAKLAND	74	88	3.71	162	6	12	460	39	1447.2	1380	679	597	136	41	519	24	1160	53	3	.250
NEW YORK	97	65	3.73	162	5	8	465	47	1458.1	1423	657	605	152	58	507	43	1222	67	3	.256
TEXAS	96	66	3.79	162	10	19	417	38	1441.1	1327	677	607	170	46	461	21	1179	43	6	.244
SEATTLE	67	95	3.90	162	12	10	351	39	1433.0	1369	675	621	145	51	436	27	1088	68	6	.251
DETROIT	95	67	4.04	162	4	14	421	52	1440.0	1406	711	647	149	52	492	34	1115	69	5	.257
CHICAGO	79	83	4.10	162	6	14	410	42	1460.0	1463	706	665	147	44	439	50	1220	55	4	.261
BOSTON	90	72	4.20	162	2	13	444	36	1457.1	1366	737	680	156	90	540	11	1213	58	7	.247
CLEVELAND	80	82	4.23	162	2	4	482	38	1453.1	1482	760	683	153	60	463	34	1024	42	3	.263
TORONTO	81	81	4.32	162	7	10	474	33	1458.2	1433	761	700	179	77	540	28	1169	73	3	.256
KANSAS CITY	71	91	4.44	162	2	6	420	37	1451.1	1487	762	716	163	58	557	42	1080	69	7	.267
MINNESOTA	63	99	4.58	162	7	8	457	32	1421.2	1564	804	724	161	54	480	37	940	47	5	.281
BALTIMORE	69	93	4.89	162	3	7	478	32	1446.2	1568	860	786	210	45	535	42	1044	32	4	.277

Individual Pitching — 2011 Season and Career Stats (min. 50 IP or 50 Games, some NL stats are included in 2011 season totals)

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Aceves, Alfredo	BOS	55	4	10	2	2	3	11	0	0	114.0	84	37	33	8	42	80	2.61	1.11	.204
		114	9	24	3	4	4	17	0	0	240.0	188	86	78	23	72	167	2.93	1.08	.213
Adams, Mike	SD/TEX	75	0	5	4	2	3	32	0	0	73.2	44	13	12	5	14	74	1.47	0.79	.169
		297	0	13	12	3	16	109	0	0	311.1	221	82	73	23	90	320	2.11	1.00	.196
Adcock, Nate	KC	24	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	60.1	63	34	31	5	26	36	4.62	1.48	.272
		24	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	60.1	63	34	31	5	26	36	4.62	1.48	.272
Albers, Matt	BOS	56	0	4	4	0	3	10	0	0	64.2	62	35	34	7	31	68	4.73	1.44	.251
		237	23	19	29	0	11	33	0	0	382.0	407	227	214	39	180	274	5.04	1.54	.276
Alvarez, Henderson	TOR	10	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	63.2	64	26	25	8	8	40	3.53	1.13	.262
		10	10	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	63.2	64	26	25	8	8	40	3.53	1.13	.262
Anderson, Brett	OAK	13	13	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	83.1	86	40	37	8	25	61	4.00	1.33	.270
		62	62	21	23	0	0	0	2	1	371.0	378	175	151	34	92	286	3.66	1.27	.264
Arrieta, Jake	BAL	22	22	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	119.1	115	70	67	21	59	93	5.05	1.46	.253
		40	40	16	14	0	0	0	0	0	219.2	221	127	119	30	107	145	4.88	1.49	.261
Ayala, Luis	NYN	52	0	2	2	0	1	4	0	0	56.0	51	17	13	5	20	39	2.09	1.27	.256
		429	0	31	41	18	22	94	0	0	446.1	462	194	172	45	112	294	3.47	1.29	.274
Bailey, Andrew	OAK	42	0	0	4	24	2	1	0	0	41.2	34	18	15	3	12	41	3.24	1.10	.218
		157	0	7	10	75	9	3	0	0	174.0	117	43	40	11	49	174	2.07	0.95	.188
Baker, Scott	MIN	23	21	8	6	0	0	0	1	0	134.2	126	50	47	15	32	123	3.14	1.17	.248
		163	159	63	48	0	2	4	2	2	958.0	987	456	442	123	224	770	4.15	1.26	.266
Balfour, Grant	OAK	62	0	5	2	5	26	0	0	0	62.0	44	17	17	8	20	59	2.47	1.03	.199
		323	1	24	12	10	14	80	0	0	335.2	265	137	133	32	152	370	3.57	1.24	.218
Bard, Daniel	BOS	70	0	2	9	1	5	34	0	0	73.0	46	29	27	5	24	74	3.33	0.96	.179
		192	0	5	13	5	15	79	0	0	197.0	132	71	63	16	76	213	2.88	1.06	.190
Beavan, Blake	SEA	15	15	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	97.0	106	46	46	13	15	42	4.27	1.25	.278
		15	15	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	97.0	106	46	46	13	15	42	4.27	1.25	.278
Beckett, Josh	BOS	30	30	13	7	0	0	0	1	1	193.0	146	65	62	21	52	175	2.89	1.03	.211
		279	276	125	81	0	0	0	10	5	1721.2	1577	795	734	192	523	1621	3.84	1.22	.242
Bedard, Erik	SEA/BOS	24	24	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	129.1	118	63	52	14	48	125	3.62	1.28	.241
		168	165	56	50	0	0	0	1	1	951.1	880	438	391	89	373	926	3.70	1.32	.243
Benoit, Joaquin	DET	66	0	4	3	2	5	29	0	0	61.0	47	22	20	5	17	63	2.95	1.05	.218
		402	55	35	31	11	20	98	0	0	712.2	633	367	344	88	310	676	4.34	1.32	.235
Bergesen, Brad	BAL	34	12	2	7	0	0	0	1	1	101.0	119	73	64	16	32	61	5.70	1.50	.288
		83	59	17	24	0	0	0	4	1	394.1	438	229	205	53	115	207	4.68	1.40	.280
Blackburn, Nick	MIN	26	26	7	10	0	0	0	1	0	148.1	183	91	74	19	54	76	4.49	1.60	.305
		126	118	39	46	0	1	1	5	0	720.0	860	409	360	94	176	346	4.50	1.44	.297
Breslow, Craig	OAK	67	0	0	2	0	3	8	0	0	59.1	69	29	25	4	21	44	3.79	1.52	.296
		295	0	12	17	6	8	48	0	0	279.0	231	109	95	23	117	235	3.06	1.25	.225
Britton, Zach	BAL	28	28	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	154.1	162	93	79	12	62	97	4.61	1.45	.276
		28	28	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	154.1	162	93	79	12	62	97	4.61	1.45	.276
Buchholz, Clay	BOS	14	14	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	82.2	76	34	32	10	31	60	3.48	1.29	.241
		78	76	35	24	0	0	0	3	2	447.0	416	202	181	43	185	342	3.64	1.34	.247
Buehrle, Mark	CWS	31	31	13	9	0	0	0	0	0	205.1	221	93	82	21	45	109	3.59	1.30	.277
		390	365	161	119	0	2	3	27	8	2476.2	2610	1171	1053	274	564	1396	3.83	1.28	.273
Burnett, A.J.	NYN	33	32	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	190.1	190	115	109	31	83	173	5.15	1.43	.260
		314	309	121	111	0	1	0	21	9	1960.1	1786	977	894	203	826	1791	4.10	1.33	.244
Burnett, Alex	MIN	66	0	2	5	0	2	10	0	0	50.2	50	32	31	4	21	33	5.51	1.40	.263
		107	0	4	7	0	2	12	0	0	98.1	102	60	59	10	44	70	5.40	1.48	.275
Cahill, Trevor	OAK	34	34	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	207.2	214	102	96	19	82	147	4.16	1.43	.269
		96	96	40	35	0	0	0	1	1	583.0	554	274	253	65	217	355	3.91	1.32	.253
Camp, Shawn	TOR	67	0	6	3	1	3	5	0	0	66.1	79	36	31	3	22	32	4.21	1.52	.303
		432	0	25	26	10	12	59	0	0	488.1	562	269	239	50	146	335	4.40	1.45	.293
Capps, Matt	MIN	69	0	4	7	15	9	7	0	0	65.2	66	31	31	10	13	34	4.25	1.20	.262
		414	0	28	29	124	37	36	0	0	410.1	411	175	160	48	80	301	3.51	1.20	.262
Carmona, Fausto	CLE	32	32	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	188.2	205	125	110	22	60	109	5.25	1.40	.276
		181	150	53	66	0	3	10	7	3	934.2	972	524	477	87	364	565	4.59	1.43	.270

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Carrasco, Carlos	CLE	21	21	8	9	0	0	0	1	0	124.2	130	68	64	15	40	85	4.62	1.36	.270
Cecil, Brett	TOR	33	33	10	15	0	0	0	2	0	191.2	217	111	105	27	65	134	4.93	1.47	.289
		20	20	4	11	0	0	0	2	1	123.2	122	68	65	22	42	87	4.73	1.33	.256
		66	65	26	22	0	0	0	2	1	389.2	413	214	201	57	134	273	4.64	1.40	.272
Chatwood, Tyler	LAA	27	25	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	142.0	166	81	75	14	71	74	4.75	1.67	.303
		27	25	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	142.0	166	81	75	14	71	74	4.75	1.67	.303
Chen, Bruce	KC	25	25	12	8	0	0	0	1	0	155.0	152	71	65	18	50	97	3.77	1.30	.258
		317	169	60	58	1	0	6	4	1	1164.2	1170	640	585	201	446	882	4.52	1.39	.261
Cobb, Alex	TB	9	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	52.2	49	21	20	3	21	37	3.42	1.33	.244
		9	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	52.2	49	21	20	3	21	37	3.42	1.33	.244
Coke, Phil	DET	48	14	3	9	1	1	8	0	0	108.2	118	64	54	5	40	69	4.47	1.45	.279
		206	15	15	17	5	8	51	0	0	248.0	237	128	112	17	88	185	4.06	1.31	.255
Coleman, Louis	KC	48	0	1	4	1	1	11	0	0	59.2	44	20	19	9	26	64	2.87	1.17	.207
		48	0	1	4	1	1	11	0	0	59.2	44	20	19	9	26	64	2.87	1.17	.207
Collins, Tim	KC	68	0	4	4	0	1	11	0	0	67.0	52	28	27	5	48	60	3.63	1.49	.216
		68	0	4	4	0	1	11	0	0	67.0	52	28	27	5	48	60	3.63	1.49	.216
Colon, Bartolo	NYN	29	26	8	10	0	0	0	1	1	164.1	172	85	73	21	40	135	4.00	1.29	.268
		357	351	161	113	0	0	1	32	9	2241.0	2240	1116	1018	277	750	1742	4.09	1.33	.261
Crain, Jesse	CWS	67	0	8	3	1	6	24	0	0	65.1	50	20	19	7	31	70	2.62	1.24	.215
		443	0	41	24	4	19	96	0	0	447.1	389	185	164	39	172	334	3.30	1.25	.235
Crow, Aaron	KC	57	0	4	4	0	7	8	0	0	62.0	55	20	19	8	31	65	2.76	1.39	.237
		57	0	4	4	0	7	8	0	0	62.0	55	20	19	8	31	65	2.76	1.39	.237
Cruz, Juan	TB	56	0	5	0	0	1	6	0	0	48.2	36	21	21	5	28	46	3.88	1.32	.211
		404	38	37	35	3	12	31	0	0	619.1	537	320	284	64	327	626	4.13	1.40	.236
Danks, John	CWS	27	27	8	12	0	0	0	2	1	170.1	182	89	82	19	46	135	4.33	1.34	.274
		150	150	54	56	0	0	0	4	2	917.2	897	437	411	108	300	714	4.03	1.30	.256
Davies, Kyle	KC	13	13	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	61.1	84	52	46	7	26	50	6.75	1.79	.332
		151	144	43	65	0	1	2	3	0	768.0	876	512	477	99	367	545	5.59	1.62	.288
Davis, Wade	TB	29	29	11	10	0	0	0	1	0	184.0	190	96	91	23	63	105	4.45	1.38	.267
		64	64	25	22	0	0	0	2	1	388.1	388	192	182	49	138	254	4.22	1.35	.260
Downs, Scott	LAA	60	0	6	3	1	3	26	0	0	53.2	39	11	8	3	15	35	1.34	1.01	.199
		439	50	33	31	17	19	116	1	1	624.1	605	279	248	61	223	481	3.58	1.33	.253
Drabek, Kyle	TOR	18	14	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	78.2	87	54	53	10	55	51	6.06	1.81	.289
		21	17	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	95.2	105	63	62	12	60	63	5.83	1.72	.290
Duensing, Brian	MIN	32	28	9	14	0	0	0	1	1	161.2	193	102	94	21	52	115	5.23	1.52	.299
		109	50	24	19	0	0	10	2	2	376.1	399	181	166	39	118	246	3.97	1.37	.274
Duffy, Danny	KC	20	20	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	105.1	119	66	66	15	51	87	5.64	1.61	.287
		20	20	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	105.1	119	66	66	15	51	87	5.64	1.61	.287
Durbin, Chad	CLE	56	0	2	2	0	1	3	0	0	68.1	86	45	42	12	26	59	5.53	1.64	.306
		364	75	38	46	4	10	47	3	0	759.1	821	470	430	110	328	512	5.10	1.51	.277
Farnsworth, Kyle	TB	63	0	5	1	25	6	0	0	0	57.2	45	15	14	5	12	51	2.18	0.99	.211
		776	26	39	56	52	42	154	1	1	894.2	847	462	422	124	373	892	4.25	1.36	.248
Feliz, Neftali	TEX	64	0	2	3	32	6	0	0	0	62.1	42	22	19	4	30	54	2.74	1.16	.194
		154	0	7	6	74	10	12	0	0	162.2	98	49	46	11	56	164	2.55	0.95	.173
Fister, Doug	SEA/DET	32	31	11	13	0	0	0	3	0	216.1	193	76	68	11	37	146	2.83	1.06	.237
		71	69	20	31	0	0	0	3	0	448.1	443	190	174	35	84	275	3.49	1.18	.256
Floyd, Gavin	CWS	31	30	12	13	0	0	0	1	0	193.2	180	97	94	22	45	151	4.37	1.16	.247
		165	153	58	55	0	0	0	5	1	959.0	957	524	479	124	315	734	4.50	1.33	.259
Francis, Jeff	KC	31	31	6	16	0	0	0	1	0	183.0	224	102	98	19	39	91	4.82	1.44	.301
		181	180	61	66	0	0	0	3	2	1065.2	1198	592	566	128	326	694	4.78	1.43	.286
Francisco, Frank	TOR	54	0	1	4	17	4	2	0	0	50.2	49	21	20	7	18	53	3.55	1.32	.246
		331	0	18	19	49	21	66	0	0	334.0	286	145	138	34	145	368	3.72	1.29	.228
Frasor, Jason	TOR/CWS	64	0	3	3	0	2	14	0	0	60.0	58	25	24	7	26	57	3.60	1.40	.257
		475	0	25	30	36	18	75	0	0	478.2	423	210	199	42	205	446	3.74	1.31	.237
Fuentes, Brian	OAK	67	0	2	8	12	3	9	0	0	58.1	52	30	24	6	20	42	3.70	1.23	.237
		618	0	24	41	199	38	65	0	0	583.1	479	243	223	58	243	615	3.44	1.24	.223
Furbush, Charlie	DET/SEA	28	12	4	10	0	0	1	0	0	85.1	97	59	52	16	30	67	5.48	1.49	.294
		28	12	4	10	0	0	1	0	0	85.1	97	59	52	16	30	67	5.48	1.49	.294
Garcia, Freddy	NYN	26	25	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	146.2	152	63	59	16	45	96	3.62	1.34	.268
		329	327	145	95	0	0	0	12	4	2076.1	2048	997	944	249	656	1486	4.09	1.30	.257
Gomez, Jeanmar	CLE	11	10	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	58.1	73	31	29	6	15	31	4.47	1.51	.303
		22	21	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	116.0	146	67	59	13	37	65	4.58	1.58	.305
Gonzalez, Gio	OAK	32	32	16	12	0	0	0	0	0	202.0	175	81	70	17	91	197	3.12	1.32	.230
		95	89	38	32	0	0	0	1	0	535.1	491	258	234	55	264	511	3.93	1.41	.242
Gonzalez, Michael	BAL/TEX	56	0	2	2	1	1	8	0	0	53.1	51	30	26	7	21	51	4.39	1.35	.250
		387	0	17	21	56	15	74	0	0	358.2	282	135	117	30	164	412	2.94	1.24	.215
Gregg, Kevin	BAL	63	0	0	3	22	7	0	0	0	59.2	58	35	29	7	40	53	4.37	1.64	.254
		469	8	25	36	144	35	18	0	0	595.0	546	291	269	61	263	548	4.07	1.36	.241
Guthrie, Jeremy	BAL	34	32	9	17	0	0	0	2	0	208.0	213	113	100	26	66	130	4.33	1.34	.267
		177	154	47	65	0	1	0	4	0	1020.1	1013	511	475	138	304	626	4.19	1.29	.258
Harden, Rich	OAK	15	15	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	82.2	87	48	47	17	31	91	5.12	1.43	.267
		170	160	59	38	0	0	1	2	1	928.1	781	420	388	105	422	949	3.76	1.30	.228
Haren, Dan	LAA	35	34	16	10	0	0	0	4	3	238.1	211	91	84	20	33	192	3.17	1.02	.235
		266	256	107	84	0	0	0	15	5	1700.0	1631	738	678	191	357	1443	3.59	1.17	.250
Harrison, Matt	TEX	31	30	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	185.2	180	79	70	13	57	126	3.39	1.28	.257
		94	62	30	19	2	1	3	3	2	411.0	441	224	205	44	150	248	4.49	1.44	.276
Hellickson, Jeremy	TB	29	29	13	10	0	0	0	2	1	189.0	146	64	62	21	72	117	2.95	1.15	.210
		39	33	17	10	0	1	0	2	1	225.1	178	78	76	26	80	150	3.04	1.14	.214
Hernandez, Felix	SEA	33</																		

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Holland, Greg	KC	46	0	5	1	4	2	18	0	0	60.0	37	13	12	3	19	74	1.80	0.93	.175
		61	0	5	2	4	2	18	0	0	78.2	60	28	26	6	27	97	2.97	1.11	.208
Huff, David	CLE	11	10	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	50.2	55	35	23	6	17	36	4.09	1.42	.266
		49	48	15	25	0	0	0	1	0	258.2	315	178	158	36	92	138	5.50	1.57	.297
Hughes, Phil	NYN	17	14	5	5	0	0	0	1	1	74.2	84	48	48	9	27	47	5.79	1.49	.283
		120	71	36	23	3	3	18	1	1	443.2	421	227	220	53	157	370	4.46	1.30	.250
Humber, Philip	CWS	28	26	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	163.0	151	71	68	14	41	116	3.75	1.18	.243
		54	28	11	10	0	0	1	0	0	214.1	210	101	98	21	65	151	4.12	1.28	.254
Hunter, Tommy	TEX/BAL	20	11	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	84.2	100	50	44	12	15	45	4.68	1.36	.291
		65	55	26	16	0	1	2	0	0	335.2	362	180	168	50	84	186	4.50	1.33	.272
Jakubauskas, Chris	BAL	33	6	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	72.1	93	46	46	11	29	52	5.72	1.69	.316
		69	15	8	10	0	1	4	1	0	166.0	186	108	103	26	56	99	5.58	1.46	.284
Janssen, Casey	TOR	55	0	6	0	2	2	7	0	0	55.2	47	14	14	2	14	53	2.26	1.10	.228
		221	22	21	19	9	7	35	0	0	331.0	350	152	140	31	90	223	3.81	1.33	.270
Jimenez, Ubaldo	COL/CLE	32	32	10	13	0	0	0	2	1	188.1	186	111	98	17	78	180	4.68	1.40	.254
		149	148	60	49	0	0	0	8	3	916.1	790	418	383	62	398	835	3.76	1.30	.233
Johnson, Jim	BAL	69	0	6	5	9	5	18	0	0	91.0	80	30	27	5	21	58	2.67	1.11	.238
		215	1	13	17	21	16	62	0	0	261.0	251	101	96	16	82	168	3.31	1.28	.255
Lackey, John	BOS	28	28	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	160.0	203	119	114	20	56	108	6.41	1.62	.308
		295	294	128	94	0	0	0	14	8	1876.0	1955	935	855	189	569	1465	4.10	1.35	.268
Laffey, Aaron	SEA/YYN	47	0	3	2	0	1	5	0	0	53.1	67	24	23	7	21	30	3.88	1.65	.306
		126	49	21	23	1	1	10	0	0	373.2	426	201	180	29	149	185	4.34	1.54	.290
League, Brandon	SEA	65	0	1	5	37	5	0	0	0	61.1	56	25	19	3	10	45	2.79	1.08	.239
		303	0	17	22	45	18	41	0	0	342.2	321	164	141	32	110	255	3.70	1.26	.248
Lester, Jon	BOS	31	31	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	191.2	166	77	74	20	75	182	3.47	1.26	.234
		155	154	76	34	0	0	0	6	2	957.2	873	392	376	85	362	894	3.53	1.29	.245
Lewis, Colby	TEX	32	32	14	10	0	0	0	2	1	200.1	187	103	98	35	56	169	4.40	1.21	.244
		136	98	38	38	0	3	4	3	1	618.2	631	359	343	92	245	520	4.99	1.42	.262
Liriano, Francisco	MIN	26	24	9	10	0	0	0	1	1	134.1	125	81	76	14	75	112	5.09	1.49	.249
		134	113	47	42	1	0	1	1	1	683.1	638	337	318	64	269	679	4.19	1.33	.248
Litsch, Jesse	TOR	28	8	6	3	1	1	3	0	0	75.0	69	40	37	10	28	66	4.44	1.29	.245
		88	67	27	27	1	1	3	2	2	417.2	430	214	193	55	119	239	4.16	1.31	.266
Logan, Boone	NYN	64	0	5	3	0	2	10	0	0	41.2	43	20	16	4	13	46	3.46	1.34	.261
		279	0	12	8	1	6	40	0	0	209.1	235	124	111	24	91	186	4.77	1.56	.281
Lowe, Mark	TEX	52	0	2	3	1	2	11	0	0	45.0	46	26	19	6	19	42	3.80	1.44	.263
		217	0	7	18	5	16	50	0	0	223.1	227	124	100	23	100	201	4.03	1.46	.262
Masterson, Justin	CLE	34	33	12	10	0	0	0	1	0	216.0	211	89	77	11	65	158	3.21	1.28	.257
		146	87	28	38	0	2	11	3	1	613.2	604	300	267	47	238	485	3.92	1.37	.259
McCarthy, Brandon	OAK	25	25	9	9	0	0	5	1	170.2	168	73	63	11	25	123	3.32	1.13	.258	
		135	81	29	33	0	1	11	6	2	543.1	534	275	252	66	167	374	4.17	1.29	.256
Mijares, Jose	MIN	58	0	0	2	0	2	10	0	0	49.0	53	31	25	4	30	30	4.59	1.69	.275
		186	0	3	6	0	3	48	0	0	153.2	140	63	54	15	62	118	3.16	1.31	.243
Miller, Andrew	BOS	17	12	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	65.0	77	43	40	8	41	50	5.54	1.82	.302
		96	66	21	29	0	0	4	0	0	359.1	414	259	231	36	215	288	5.79	1.75	.292
Morales, Franklin	COL/BOS	50	0	1	2	0	0	10	0	0	46.1	40	21	19	6	19	42	3.69	1.27	.237
		138	15	8	12	10	4	18	0	0	179.2	168	98	92	19	97	145	4.61	1.47	.251
Morrow, Brandon	TOR	30	30	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	179.1	162	103	94	21	69	203	4.72	1.29	.237
		187	71	29	30	16	6	22	1	1	523.1	460	272	254	55	263	585	4.37	1.38	.235
Moscato, Guillermo	OAK	23	21	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	128.0	102	59	48	14	38	74	3.38	1.09	.212
		34	21	8	10	0	0	0	0	0	142.2	119	68	55	15	46	88	3.47	1.16	.220
Nathan, Joe	MIN	48	0	2	1	14	3	8	0	0	44.2	38	26	24	7	14	43	4.84	1.16	.222
		581	29	48	23	261	32	28	0	0	729.2	534	252	233	70	276	761	2.87	1.11	.202
Niemann, Jeff	TB	23	23	11	7	0	0	0	1	0	135.1	131	65	61	18	37	105	4.06	1.24	.250
		89	84	38	23	0	0	0	4	3	506.1	493	247	234	63	165	375	4.16	1.30	.254
Noesi, Hector	NYN	30	2	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	56.1	63	29	28	6	22	45	4.47	1.51	.286
		30	2	2	2	0	0	4	0	0	56.1	63	29	28	6	22	45	4.47	1.51	.286
Nova, Ivan	NYN	28	27	16	4	0	0	0	0	0	165.1	163	74	68	13	57	98	3.70	1.33	.258
		38	34	17	6	0	1	0	0	0	207.1	207	96	89	17	74	124	3.86	1.36	.260
O'Sullivan, Sean	KC	12	10	2	6	0	1	0	0	0	58.1	78	52	47	10	26	19	7.25	1.78	.328
		43	34	10	14	0	1	0	0	0	193.2	228	139	132	37	73	91	6.13	1.55	.295
Ogando, Alexi	TEX	31	29	13	8	0	0	0	1	1	169.0	149	73	66	16	43	126	3.51	1.14	.234
		75	29	17	9	0	2	7	1	1	210.2	180	79	72	18	59	165	3.08	1.13	.229
Ohman, Will	CWS	59	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	53.1	53	26	25	8	17	54	4.22	1.31	.255
		451	0	12	14	3	9	85	0	0	326.1	299	156	149	36	154	323	4.11	1.39	.240
Oliver, Darren	TEX	61	0	5	5	2	4	16	0	0	51.0	47	17	13	3	11	44	2.29	1.14	.236
		654	229	112	90	5	11	82	11	4	1810.0	1947	1008	926	207	690	1167	4.60	1.46	.278
Outman, Josh	OAK	13	9	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	58.1	62	27	24	4	23	35	3.70	1.46	.277
		33	25	8	8	0	0	1	0	0	151.1	149	71	63	14	56	107	3.75	1.35	.258
Papelbon, Jonathan	BOS	63	0	4	1	31	3	0	0	0	64.1	50	22	21	3	10	87	2.94	0.93	.207
		396	3	23	19	219	29	7	0	0	429.1	322	126	111	31	115	509	2.33	1.02	.204
Pauley, David	SEA/DET	53	0	5	6	0	2	8	0	0	74.0	64	27	26	6	22	44	3.16	1.16	.237
		81	20	9	18	0	2	8	0	0	193.0	207	102	97	22	63	116	4.52	1.40	.274
Paulino, Felipe	COL/KC	39	20	4	10	0	1	2	0	0	139.1	146	74	69	13	55	133	4.46	1.44	.279
		86	54	10	31	0	3	4	0	0	347.2	389	225	204	42	145	320	5.28	1.54	.288
Pavano, Carl	MIN	33	33	9	13	0	0	0	3	1	222.0	262	123	106	23	40	102	4.30	1.36	.294
		291	273	106	102	0	0	3	17	8	1725.2	1891	909	831	191	417	1058	4.33	1.34	.280
Peavy, Jake	CWS	19	18	7	7	0	0	0	1	1	111.2	117	61	61	10	24	95	4.92	1.26	.268
		251	250	109	81	0	0	0	9	5	1581.1	1384	641	610	159	499	1554	3.47	1.19	.234
Penny, Brad	DET	31	31</																	

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Perez, Rafael	CLE	71	0	5	2	0	2	12	0	0	63.0	59	27	21	2	19	33	3.00	1.24	.253
		330	0	20	12	3	14	69	0	0	321.1	315	144	130	25	113	264	3.64	1.33	.257
Perkins, Glen	MIN	65	0	4	4	2	3	17	0	0	61.2	55	19	17	2	21	65	2.48	1.23	.244
		145	44	23	16	2	3	21	0	0	365.0	413	191	179	45	100	224	4.41	1.41	.288
Pestano, Vinnie	CLE	67	0	1	2	2	4	23	0	0	62.0	41	16	16	5	24	84	2.32	1.05	.184
		72	0	1	2	3	4	23	0	0	67.0	45	18	18	5	29	92	2.42	1.10	.187
Pineda, Michael	SEA	28	28	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	171.0	133	76	71	18	55	173	3.74	1.10	.211
		28	28	9	10	0	0	0	0	0	171.0	133	76	71	18	55	173	3.74	1.10	.211
Pineiro, Joel	LAA	27	24	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	145.2	182	90	83	16	38	62	5.13	1.51	.311
		335	263	104	93	2	1	10	15	6	1754.1	1878	912	859	193	487	1058	4.41	1.35	.276
Porcello, Rick	DET	31	31	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	182.0	210	103	96	18	46	104	4.75	1.41	.292
		89	89	38	30	0	0	0	0	0	515.1	574	280	260	59	136	277	4.54	1.38	.283
Price, David	TB	34	34	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	224.1	192	93	87	22	63	218	3.49	1.14	.230
		94	89	41	26	0	0	1	2	1	575.1	490	240	216	55	200	520	3.38	1.20	.228
Ramos, Cesar	TB	59	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	43.2	36	22	19	4	25	31	3.92	1.40	.224
		78	2	0	3	0	2	5	0	0	66.2	73	38	35	5	33	50	4.73	1.59	.279
Rauch, Jon	TOR	53	0	5	4	11	5	4	0	0	52.0	56	28	28	11	14	36	4.85	1.35	.269
		468	11	39	31	58	27	80	0	0	520.2	491	236	221	62	160	418	3.82	1.25	.248
Reyes, Jo-Jo	TOR/BAL	29	25	7	11	0	0	0	1	0	140.2	176	99	87	21	48	87	5.57	1.59	.303
		70	62	12	26	0	0	0	1	0	334.2	402	249	225	54	146	215	6.05	1.64	.300
Rivera, Mariano	NYN	64	0	1	2	44	5	0	0	0	61.1	47	13	13	3	8	60	1.91	0.90	.215
		1042	10	75	57	603	72	29	0	0	1211.1	934	322	298	65	275	1111	2.21	1.00	.210
Robertson, David	NYN	70	0	4	0	1	3	34	0	0	66.2	40	9	8	1	35	100	1.08	1.13	.170
		204	0	14	6	3	5	53	0	0	202.0	164	72	68	13	106	270	3.03	1.34	.220
Romero, Ricky	TOR	32	32	15	11	0	0	0	4	2	225.0	176	85	73	26	80	178	2.92	1.14	.216
		93	93	42	29	0	0	0	7	3	613.0	557	271	245	59	241	493	3.60	1.30	.245
Sabathia, CC	NYN	33	33	19	8	0	0	0	3	1	237.1	230	87	79	17	61	230	3.00	1.23	.255
		355	355	176	96	0	0	0	33	12	2364.1	2177	1006	923	205	725	2017	3.51	1.23	.246
Sale, Chris	CWS	58	0	2	2	8	2	16	0	0	71.0	52	22	22	6	27	79	2.79	1.11	.203
		79	0	4	3	12	2	18	0	0	94.1	67	27	27	8	37	111	2.58	1.10	.199
Santana, Ervin	LAA	33	33	11	12	0	0	0	4	1	228.2	207	95	86	26	72	178	3.38	1.22	.241
		206	203	87	67	0	0	1	13	6	1297.2	1279	653	608	164	414	1034	4.22	1.30	.257
Santos, Sergio	CWS	63	0	4	5	30	6	2	0	0	63.1	41	25	25	6	29	92	3.55	1.11	.181
		119	0	6	7	31	8	16	0	0	115.0	94	43	42	8	55	148	3.29	1.30	.219
Scherzer, Max	DET	33	33	15	9	0	0	0	0	0	195.0	207	101	96	29	56	174	4.43	1.35	.272
		110	101	36	35	0	0	0	0	0	617.0	595	303	269	74	210	598	3.92	1.30	.255
Shields, James	TB	33	33	16	12	0	0	0	11	4	249.1	195	83	78	26	65	225	2.82	1.04	.217
		185	184	72	63	0	0	0	16	6	1227.0	1231	585	540	159	282	1027	3.96	1.23	.260
Simon, Alfredo	BAL	23	16	4	9	0	0	0	0	0	115.2	128	69	63	15	40	83	4.90	1.45	.284
		78	19	8	12	17	4	1	0	0	184.1	206	116	106	34	66	131	5.18	1.48	.284
Sipp, Tony	CLE	69	0	6	3	0	1	24	0	0	62.1	45	22	21	10	24	57	3.03	1.11	.201
		185	0	10	5	1	3	49	0	0	165.1	120	68	63	27	88	174	3.43	1.26	.206
Slowey, Kevin	MIN	14	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	59.1	78	44	44	10	5	34	6.67	1.40	.321
		100	90	39	29	0	0	0	3	2	532.2	606	287	276	84	84	395	4.66	1.30	.285
Smith, Joe	CLE	71	0	3	3	0	3	16	0	0	67.0	52	16	15	1	21	45	2.01	1.09	.217
		297	0	14	10	0	8	71	0	0	248.2	211	96	87	16	110	204	3.15	1.29	.230
Soria, Joakim	KC	60	0	5	5	28	7	0	0	0	60.1	60	29	27	7	17	60	4.03	1.28	.259
		298	0	13	15	160	20	9	0	0	315.1	242	89	84	24	87	341	2.40	1.04	.210
Stewart, Zach	TOR/CWS	13	11	2	6	0	0	0	1	1	67.1	90	44	44	11	18	45	5.88	1.60	.331
		13	11	2	6	0	0	0	1	1	67.1	90	44	44	11	18	45	5.88	1.60	.331
Swarzak, Anthony	MIN	27	11	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	102.0	111	53	49	9	26	55	4.32	1.34	.275
		39	23	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	161.0	187	96	90	21	46	89	5.03	1.45	.289
Takahashi, Hisanori	LAA	61	0	4	3	2	3	7	0	0	68.0	58	30	26	7	25	52	3.44	1.22	.232
		114	12	14	9	10	3	10	0	0	190.0	174	81	75	20	68	166	3.55	1.27	.245
Talbot, Mitch	CLE	12	12	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	63.2	90	47	47	10	28	36	6.64	1.85	.344
		43	41	12	19	0	0	0	1	0	232.2	275	147	137	26	108	129	5.30	1.65	.300
Thompson, Rich	LAA	44	0	1	3	0	1	3	0	0	54.0	46	18	18	5	20	56	3.00	1.22	.224
		79	0	3	3	0	1	4	0	0	101.2	99	46	45	17	36	102	3.98	1.33	.250
Thornton, Matt	CWS	62	0	2	5	3	4	20	0	0	59.2	60	34	22	3	21	63	3.32	1.36	.255
		472	1	28	28	20	25	125	0	0	460.0	396	193	180	40	194	499	3.52	1.28	.230
Tillman, Chris	BAL	13	13	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	62.0	77	41	38	5	25	46	5.52	1.65	.301
		36	36	7	15	0	0	0	0	0	180.2	205	118	112	29	80	116	5.58	1.58	.287
Tomlin, Josh	CLE	26	26	12	7	0	0	0	0	0	165.1	157	80	78	24	21	89	4.25	1.08	.248
		38	38	18	11	0	0	0	1	0	238.1	229	118	115	34	40	132	4.34	1.13	.252
Uehara, Koji	BAL/TEX	65	0	2	3	0	1	22	0	0	65.0	38	17	17	11	9	85	2.35	0.72	.164
		120	12	5	9	13	3	28	0	0	175.2	146	65	61	23	26	188	3.13	0.98	.220
Valverde, Jose	DET	75	0	2	4	49	0	0	0	0	72.1	52	21	18	5	34	69	2.24	1.19	.198
		514	0	23	27	242	30	22	0	0	521.1	389	193	175	54	221	602	3.02	1.17	.204
Vargas, Jason	SEA	32	32	10	13	0	0	0	4	3	201.0	205	105	95	22	59	131	4.25	1.31	.260
		117	97	28	39	0	0	0	5	3	612.1	628	331	308	73	200	389	4.53	1.35	.263
Verlander, Justin	DET	34	34	24	5	0	0	0	4	2	251.0	174	73	67	24	57	250	2.40	0.92	.192
		199	199	107	57	0	0	0	14	5	1315.1	1161	555	517	118	410	1215	3.54	1.19	.235
Villanueva, Carlos	TOR	33	13	6	4	0	1	0	0	0	107.0	103	49	48	11	32	68	4.04	1.26	.251
		263	40	26	28	6	11	50	0	0	532.0	509	261	253	73	183	449	4.28	1.30	.249
Wakefield, Tim	BOS	33	23	7	8	0	0	0	1	0	154.2	163	110	88	25	47	93	5.12	1.36	.267
		627	463	200	180	22	8	13	33	6	3226.1	3152	1791	1582	418	1205	2156	4.41	1.35	.254
Walden, Jordan	LAA	62	0	5	5	32	10	2	0	0	60.1	49	22	20	3	26	67	2.98	1.24	.223
		78	0	5	6	33	10	8	0	0	75.2	62	26	24	4	33	90	2.85	1.26	.223
Weaver, Jered	LAA	33	3																	

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CLUB	AVG	G	AB	R	OR	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	GS	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	GIDP	LOB	SHO	SLG	OBP
ST. LOUIS	.273	162	5532	762	692	1513	2351	308	22	162	4	726	84	40	44	542	64	978	57	39	169	1127	8	.425	.341
NEW YORK	.264	162	5600	718	742	1477	2188	309	39	108	3	676	65	48	51	571	56	1085	130	35	112	1257	9	.391	.335
MILWAUKEE	.261	162	5447	721	638	1422	2315	276	31	185	1	693	85	44	56	481	53	1083	94	31	114	1110	12	.425	.325
COLORADO	.258	162	5544	735	774	1429	2272	274	40	163	1	697	75	44	57	555	54	1201	118	42	112	1172	8	.410	.329
HOUSTON	.258	162	5598	615	796	1442	2092	309	28	95	2	579	66	37	46	401	34	1164	118	33	111	1154	12	.374	.311
LOS ANGELES	.257	161	5436	644	612	1395	2039	237	28	117	4	613	71	43	45	498	61	1087	126	40	101	1165	13	.375	.322
CHICAGO	.256	162	5549	654	756	1423	2224	285	36	148	0	610	60	35	59	425	35	1202	69	23	123	1141	10	.401	.314
CINCINNATI	.256	162	5612	735	720	1438	2289	264	19	183	3	697	78	40	63	535	52	1250	97	50	98	1189	9	.408	.326
PHILADELPHIA	.253	162	5579	713	529	1409	2202	258	38	153	4	693	65	38	56	539	52	1024	96	24	108	1197	7	.395	.323
ARIZONA	.250	162	5421	731	662	1357	2240	293	37	172	6	702	50	33	61	531	55	1249	133	55	82	1064	4	.413	.322
MIAMI	.247	162	5508	625	702	1358	2139	274	30	149	7	596	89	42	51	542	38	1244	95	41	111	1198	12	.388	.318
PITTSBURGH	.244	162	5421	610	712	1325	1993	277	35	107	3	580	75	44	34	489	31	1308	108	52	123	1079	14	.368	.309
ATLANTA	.243	162	5528	641	605	1345	2140	244	16	173	3	606	75	30	28	504	45	1260	77	44	113	1109	10	.387	.308
WASHINGTON	.242	161	5441	624	643	1319	2082	257	22	154	5	594	82	32	65	470	40	1323	106	38	103	1114	14	.383	.309
SAN FRANCISCO	.242	162	5486	570	578	1327	2020	282	24	121	3	534	62	43	52	448	47	1122	85	51	117	1127	14	.368	.303
SAN DIEGO	.237	162	5417	593	611	1284	1888	247	42	91	3	563	55	47	48	501	42	1320	170	44	105	1103	19	.349	.305

Individual Batting — 2011 Season and Career Stats (min. 240 ABs, some AL stats are included in 2011 totals)

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Ankiel, Rick	WAS	122	380	46	91	20	0	9	37	29	96	10	3	.239	.296	.363	.659
		540	1635	232	402	84	7	64	218	142	436	20	8	.246	.309	.423	.732
Barajas, Rod	LAD	98	305	29	70	13	0	16	47	22	71	0	0	.230	.287	.430	.717
		1010	3139	367	746	176	1	125	449	178	569	2	2	.238	.284	.414	.698
Barnes, Clint	HOU	123	446	47	109	27	0	12	39	38	88	3	1	.244	.312	.386	.698
		788	2737	339	691	158	15	73	324	163	485	42	26	.252	.302	.401	.703
Barney, Darwin	CHC	143	529	66	146	23	6	2	43	22	67	9	2	.276	.313	.354	.666
		173	608	78	165	27	6	2	45	28	79	9	2	.271	.310	.345	.656
Bartlett, Jason	SD	139	554	61	136	22	3	2	40	48	98	23	10	.245	.308	.307	.615
		860	3055	424	838	151	26	31	282	263	496	123	37	.274	.339	.371	.710
Bay, Jason	NYM	123	444	59	109	19	1	12	57	56	109	11	1	.246	.329	.374	.703
		1140	4105	686	1126	232	30	203	714	591	1096	87	15	.274	.369	.494	.863
Beltrán, Carlos	NYM/SF	142	520	78	156	39	6	22	84	71	88	4	2	.300	.385	.525	.910
		1768	6767	1184	1917	390	73	302	1146	831	1213	293	41	.283	.361	.496	.857
Berkman, Lance	STL	145	488	90	147	23	2	31	94	92	93	2	6	.301	.412	.547	.959
		1774	6154	1107	1822	405	28	358	1193	1149	1229	84	48	.296	.409	.546	.954
Bernadina, Roger	WAS	91	309	40	75	12	2	7	27	22	63	17	3	.243	.301	.362	.664
		254	803	103	194	32	6	18	76	67	178	38	8	.242	.304	.364	.668
Betancourt, Yuniesky	MIL	152	556	51	140	27	3	13	68	16	63	4	4	.252	.271	.381	.652
		962	3446	381	925	189	27	60	375	120	339	30	29	.268	.292	.391	.683
Bloomquist, Willie	ARI	97	350	44	93	10	2	4	26	23	51	20	10	.266	.317	.340	.657
		845	2226	318	588	77	17	17	170	163	383	124	37	.264	.317	.337	.654
Bonifacio, Emilio	MIA	152	565	78	167	26	7	5	36	59	129	40	11	.296	.360	.393	.753
		412	1398	211	376	50	21	6	89	128	315	80	25	.269	.328	.348	.676
Bourn, Michael	HOU/ATL	158	656	94	193	34	10	2	50	53	140	61	14	.294	.349	.386	.734
		716	2391	363	649	99	35	13	158	226	524	234	51	.271	.336	.358	.694
Braun, Ryan	MIL	150	563	109	187	38	6	33	111	58	93	33	6	.332	.397	.597	.994
		729	2879	506	898	187	26	161	531	242	560	96	24	.312	.371	.563	.933
Bruce, Jay	CIN	157	585	84	150	27	2	32	97	71	158	8	7	.256	.341	.474	.814
		514	1852	274	475	82	10	100	277	200	479	20	20	.256	.331	.474	.805
Buck, John	MIA	140	466	41	106	15	1	16	57	54	115	0	1	.227	.316	.367	.683
		842	2788	312	671	144	8	106	382	221	726	4	11	.241	.303	.412	.716
Byrd, Marlon	CHC	119	446	51	123	22	2	9	35	25	78	3	2	.276	.324	.395	.719
		1056	3692	515	1037	215	27	81	436	271	691	49	21	.281	.339	.420	.759
Cabrera, Orlando	CLE/SF	130	450	39	107	16	0	5	51	17	57	8	4	.238	.267	.307	.573
		1985	7562	985	2054	459	32	123	854	514	745	216	57	.272	.317	.390	.707
Cairo, Miguel	CIN	102	245	33	65	8	2	8	33	18	36	3	4	.265	.330	.412	.742
		1420	3806	495	1016	186	32	40	381	239	462	135	40	.267	.318	.364	.682
Carroll, Jamey	LAD	146	452	52	131	14	6	0	17	47	58	10	0	.290	.359	.347	.706
		1065	2974	469	826	121	26	12	214	341	477	63	30	.278	.356	.348	.704
Castro, Starlin	CHC	158	674	91	207	36	9	10	66	35	96	22	9	.307	.341	.432	.773
		283	1137	144	346	67	14	13	107	64	167	32	17	.304	.343	.422	.766
Cedeño, Ronny	PIT	128	413	43	103	25	3	2	32	30	93	2	5	.249	.297	.339	.636
		701	2126	223	522	97	16	33	196	115	457	34	20	.246	.286	.353	.639
Coghlan, Chris	MIA	65	269	33	62	20	1	5	22	22	49	7	6	.230	.296	.368	.664
		284	1131	177	320	71	10	19	97	108	210	25	14	.283	.350	.414	.764
Denorfia, Chris	SD	111	307	38	85	13	2	5	19	28	49	11	6	.277	.337	.381	.718
		310	799	112	220	40	4	17	74	78	146	23	11	.275	.342	.399	.741
Descalso, Daniel	STL	148	326	35	86	20	3	1	28	33	65	2	2	.264	.334	.353	.687
		159	360	41	95	22	3	1	32	35	71	3	2	.264	.333	.350	.683
Desmond, Ian	WAS	154	584	65	148	27	5	8	49	35	139	25	10	.253	.298	.358	.656
		329	1191	133	312	61	11	22	126	68	262	43	15	.262	.304	.387	.691
Diaz, Matt	PIT/ATL	116	251	16	66	13	1	0	20	12	52	5	2	.263	.302	.323	.625
		675	1755	201	519	91	14	43	212	96	354	33	16	.296	.343	.437	.780
Dobbs, Greg	MIA	134	411	38	113	23	0	8	49	22	83	0	0	.275	.311	.389	.701
		689	1500	157	396	81	7	39	211	95	301	9	3	.264	.308	.405	.713

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Drew, Stephen	ARI	86	321	44	81	21	5	5	45	30	74	4	4	.252	.317	.396	.713
		733	2782	376	750	168	51	70	321	256	528	33	13	.270	.330	.442	.773
Duda, Lucas	NYM	100	301	38	88	21	3	10	50	33	57	1	0	.292	.370	.482	.852
		129	385	49	105	27	3	14	63	39	79	1	0	.273	.347	.468	.815
Ellis, Mark	OAK/COL	132	480	55	119	24	1	7	41	22	75	14	5	.248	.288	.346	.634
		1126	4091	567	1087	217	22	92	459	358	619	69	27	.266	.331	.397	.728
Espinosa, Danny	WAS	158	573	72	135	29	5	21	66	57	166	17	6	.236	.323	.414	.737
		186	676	88	157	33	6	27	81	66	196	17	8	.232	.316	.419	.735
Ethier, Andre	LAD	135	487	67	142	30	0	11	62	58	103	0	1	.292	.368	.421	.789
		854	2968	420	864	195	18	109	446	328	554	19	18	.291	.364	.479	.843
Fielder, Prince	MIL	162	569	95	170	36	1	38	120	107	106	1	1	.299	.415	.566	.981
		998	3527	571	996	200	9	230	656	566	779	16	10	.282	.390	.540	.929
Fowler, Dexter	COL	125	481	84	128	35	15	5	45	68	130	12	9	.266	.363	.432	.796
		405	1379	233	361	84	39	15	115	192	355	52	28	.262	.355	.412	.767
Francisco, Ben	PHI	100	250	24	61	10	1	6	34	33	42	4	4	.244	.340	.364	.704
		460	1343	181	349	90	2	45	174	128	265	30	16	.260	.332	.430	.762
Freeman, Freddie	ATL	157	571	67	161	32	0	21	76	53	142	4	4	.282	.346	.448	.795
		177	595	70	165	33	0	22	77	53	150	4	4	.277	.340	.444	.784
Freese, David	STL	97	333	41	99	16	1	10	55	24	75	1	0	.297	.350	.441	.791
		184	604	72	180	30	2	15	98	47	141	2	1	.298	.354	.429	.783
Furcal, Rafael	LAD/STL	87	333	44	77	15	0	8	28	28	39	9	5	.231	.298	.348	.646
		1484	5965	990	1685	293	65	108	536	597	846	302	90	.282	.348	.408	.756
Giambi, Jason	COL	64	131	20	34	6	0	13	32	17	45	0	0	.260	.355	.603	.958
		2103	6932	1196	1948	391	9	428	1397	1314	1480	20	11	.281	.404	.525	.929
Gomes, Jonny	CIN/WAS	120	311	41	65	12	1	14	43	48	105	7	3	.209	.325	.389	.714
		781	2367	343	573	113	14	118	364	264	726	45	22	.242	.329	.451	.780
González, Alberto	SD	102	247	18	53	10	2	1	32	13	37	1	2	.215	.256	.283	.539
		378	839	84	203	42	6	3	81	43	109	2	5	.242	.281	.317	.598
González, Alex	ATL	149	564	59	136	27	1	15	56	22	126	2	0	.241	.270	.372	.642
		1535	5552	641	1372	325	30	152	665	289	1123	29	21	.247	.291	.399	.690
González, Carlos	COL	127	481	92	142	27	3	26	92	48	105	20	5	.295	.363	.526	.889
		446	1648	287	491	97	20	77	264	129	391	66	18	.298	.350	.521	.871
Gordon, Dee	LAD	56	224	34	68	9	2	0	11	7	27	24	7	.304	.325	.362	.686
		56	224	34	68	9	2	0	11	7	27	24	7	.304	.325	.362	.686
Guzmán, Jesús	SD	76	247	33	77	22	2	5	44	22	43	9	2	.312	.369	.478	.847
		88	267	33	82	22	2	5	44	22	46	9	2	.307	.361	.461	.822
Gwynn Jr., Tony	LAD	136	312	37	80	12	6	2	22	23	61	22	6	.256	.308	.353	.660
		502	1236	149	305	38	18	7	78	130	222	64	20	.247	.319	.324	.643
Hairston Jr., Jerry	WAS/MIL	120	337	43	91	21	1	5	31	33	46	3	2	.270	.344	.383	.727
		1268	3945	544	1018	213	21	64	372	336	523	146	66	.258	.326	.371	.698
Hanigan, Ryan	CIN	91	266	27	71	6	0	6	31	35	32	0	0	.267	.356	.357	.714
		287	815	86	224	26	1	16	93	116	95	0	0	.275	.371	.368	.740
Harris, Willie	NYM	126	240	36	59	11	0	2	23	36	62	5	4	.246	.351	.317	.668
		1021	2397	360	575	96	24	39	210	303	492	106	39	.240	.330	.349	.678
Hart, Corey	MIL	130	492	80	140	25	4	26	63	51	114	7	6	.285	.356	.510	.866
		796	2881	438	798	176	29	124	425	225	624	78	40	.277	.334	.487	.821
Headley, Chase	SD	113	381	43	110	28	1	4	44	52	92	13	2	.289	.374	.399	.773
		529	1883	217	506	108	8	36	204	202	472	44	10	.269	.343	.392	.735
Heisey, Chris	CIN	120	279	44	71	9	1	18	50	19	78	6	1	.254	.309	.487	.797
		217	480	77	122	19	2	26	71	35	135	7	3	.254	.316	.465	.780
Helton, Todd	COL	124	421	59	127	27	0	14	69	59	71	0	1	.302	.385	.466	.850
		2054	7325	1329	2363	554	35	347	1308	1256	1044	36	28	.323	.421	.550	.971
Hernández, Ramón	CIN	91	298	28	84	13	0	12	36	23	41	0	0	.282	.341	.446	.788
		1457	4873	560	1295	250	8	161	723	418	695	8	4	.266	.330	.419	.749
Herrera, Jonathan	COL	104	281	28	68	5	1	3	14	28	40	4	4	.242	.313	.299	.612
		208	564	67	145	12	4	4	38	57	86	7	7	.257	.325	.314	.639
Heyward, Jason	ATL	128	396	50	90	18	2	14	42	51	93	9	2	.227	.319	.389	.708
		270	916	133	234	47	7	32	114	142	221	20	8	.255	.362	.427	.789
Hill, Aaron	TOR/ARI	137	520	61	128	27	3	8	61	35	72	21	7	.246	.299	.356	.655
		908	3450	459	920	200	11	98	425	251	495	44	19	.267	.321	.416	.737
Holliday, Matt	STL	124	446	83	132	36	0	22	75	60	93	2	1	.296	.388	.525	.912
		1136	4279	751	1348	308	27	202	770	452	792	91	30	.315	.388	.541	.929
Howard, Ryan	PHI	152	557	81	141	30	1	33	116	75	172	1	0	.253	.346	.488	.835
		1027	3794	633	1043	189	17	286	864	540	1207	12	4	.275	.368	.560	.928
Hudson, Orlando	SD	119	398	54	98	15	3	7	43	49	84	19	3	.246	.329	.352	.681
		1259	4565	627	1266	253	58	90	514	463	774	79	25	.277	.345	.417	.762
Huff, Aubrey	SF	150	521	45	128	27	1	12	59	47	90	5	3	.246	.306	.370	.676
		1629	6026	799	1684	356	24	241	897	555	895	37	25	.279	.342	.466	.808
Hundley, Nick	SD	82	281	34	81	16	5	9	29	22	74	1	1	.288	.347	.477	.824
		305	1008	111	257	56	10	30	126	86	268	6	7	.255	.314	.420	.734
Iannetta, Chris	COL	112	345	51	82	17	1	14	55	70	89	6	3	.238	.370	.414	.785
		458	1429	196	336	72	9	63	236	241	379	7	5	.235	.357	.430	.788
Ibañez, Raúl	PHI	144	535	65	131	31	1	20	84	33	106	2	0	.245	.289	.419	.707
		1817	6387	928	1791	377	43	252	1054	603	1120	44	27	.280	.342	.471	.813
Infante, Omar	MIA	148	579	55	160	24	8	7	49	34	67	4	2	.276	.315	.382	.696
		942	3162	381	869	153	32	52	317	204	507	47	23	.275	.318	.393	.711
Janish, Paul	CIN	114	336	27	72	14	1	0	23	18	46	3	2	.214	.259	.262	.521
		324	872	91	193	47	1	7	70	73	134	6	5	.221	.289	.302	.591
Jay, Jon	STL	159	455	56	135	24	2	10	37	28	81	6	7	.297	.344	.424	.768
		264	742	103	221	43	4	14	64	52	131	8	11	.298	.350	.423	.773
Johnson, Chris	HOU	107	378	32	95	21	3	7	42	16	97	2	2	.251	.291	.378	.670
		212	741	73	202	43	5	18	95	32	194	5	2	.273	.308	.417	.725
Johnson, Reed	CHC	111	246	33	76	22	1	5	28	5	63	2	1	.309	.348	.467	.816
		997	3029	451	857	178	19	59	349	161	592	39	26	.283	.341	.413	.753

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BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Jones, Chipper	ATL	126	455	56	125	33	1	18	70	51	80	2	2	.275	.344	.470	.814
		2387	8597	1561	2615	526	38	454	1561	1455	1358	149	46	.304	.402	.533	.935
Jones, Garrett	PIT	148	423	51	103	30	1	16	58	48	104	6	3	.244	.321	.433	.753
		419	1406	167	357	87	4	60	193	147	323	24	9	.254	.323	.450	.772
Kemp, Matt	LAD	161	602	115	195	33	4	39	126	74	159	40	11	.324	.399	.586	.986
		787	2862	464	840	140	28	128	457	250	740	144	50	.294	.350	.496	.846
Keppinger, Jeff	HOU/SF	99	379	39	105	20	0	6	35	12	24	0	1	.277	.300	.377	.677
		586	2074	240	582	111	8	32	215	155	142	11	7	.281	.332	.388	.720
Lee, Carlos	HOU	155	585	66	161	38	4	18	94	59	60	4	3	.275	.342	.446	.788
		1952	7433	1072	2128	442	18	349	1286	597	935	122	47	.286	.339	.491	.831
Lee, Derrek	BAL/PIT	113	435	55	116	17	2	19	59	33	110	2	1	.267	.325	.446	.771
		1942	6962	1081	1959	432	30	331	1078	874	1622	104	48	.281	.365	.495	.859
Loney, James	LAD	158	531	56	153	30	1	12	65	42	67	4	0	.288	.339	.416	.755
		782	2736	323	787	155	20	67	418	245	373	29	13	.288	.346	.432	.778
Lucroy, Jonathan	MIL	136	430	45	114	16	1	12	59	29	99	2	1	.265	.313	.391	.703
		211	707	69	184	25	1	16	85	47	143	6	3	.260	.307	.366	.674
Ludwick, Ryan	SD/PIT	139	490	56	116	23	0	13	75	51	124	1	1	.237	.310	.363	.674
		790	2641	366	689	148	7	117	450	256	668	17	17	.261	.332	.455	.787
Mayberry, John	PHI	104	267	37	73	17	1	15	49	26	55	8	3	.273	.341	.513	.854
		154	336	49	89	20	1	21	63	29	82	8	4	.265	.328	.518	.846
Maybin, Cameron	SD	137	516	82	136	24	8	9	40	44	125	40	8	.264	.323	.393	.716
		305	1064	175	271	48	13	22	85	91	297	59	13	.255	.318	.386	.704
McCann, Brian	ATL	128	466	51	126	19	0	24	71	57	89	3	2	.270	.351	.466	.817
		882	3068	377	878	200	2	136	537	331	488	20	7	.286	.358	.486	.844
McCutchen, Andrew	PIT	158	572	87	148	34	5	23	89	89	126	23	10	.259	.364	.456	.820
		420	1575	255	435	95	19	51	199	213	298	78	25	.276	.365	.458	.822
McGehee, Casey	MIL	155	546	46	122	24	2	13	67	45	104	0	3	.223	.280	.346	.626
		437	1535	175	407	83	4	52	242	129	281	1	6	.265	.320	.426	.746
McLouth, Nate	ATL	81	267	35	61	12	2	4	16	44	52	4	2	.228	.344	.333	.677
		731	2321	396	578	140	14	81	270	270	457	87	15	.249	.337	.426	.764
Miles, Aaron	LAD	136	454	49	125	17	3	3	45	25	49	4	3	.275	.314	.346	.660
		932	2827	347	793	110	18	19	229	162	294	30	18	.281	.320	.352	.672
Molina, Yadier	STL	139	475	55	145	32	1	14	65	33	44	4	5	.305	.349	.465	.814
		944	3155	278	863	154	3	55	390	253	297	25	21	.274	.331	.377	.707
Montero, Miguel	ARI	140	493	65	139	36	1	18	86	47	97	1	1	.282	.351	.469	.820
		513	1629	216	442	110	4	58	246	154	333	2	4	.271	.338	.451	.789
Morgan, Nyjer	MIL	119	378	61	115	20	6	4	37	19	70	13	4	.304	.357	.421	.778
		461	1623	236	467	68	24	8	114	118	283	105	46	.288	.347	.374	.721
Morrison, Logan	MIA	123	462	54	114	25	4	23	72	54	99	2	1	.247	.330	.468	.797
		185	706	97	183	45	11	25	90	95	150	2	2	.259	.351	.460	.811
Morse, Michael	WAS	146	522	73	158	36	0	31	95	36	126	2	3	.303	.360	.550	.910
		383	1140	146	338	69	3	52	183	84	271	6	5	.296	.356	.499	.855
Murphy, Daniel	NYM	109	391	49	125	28	2	6	49	24	42	5	5	.320	.362	.448	.809
		313	1030	133	301	75	9	20	129	80	139	9	9	.292	.343	.441	.784
Nix, Laynce	WAS	124	324	38	81	15	1	16	44	23	82	2	2	.250	.299	.451	.750
		607	1673	211	409	96	11	64	226	102	448	8	5	.244	.288	.430	.718
Overbay, Lyle	PIT/ARI	121	394	43	92	21	1	9	47	42	88	2	1	.234	.310	.360	.670
		1259	4283	566	1158	308	11	131	571	553	903	15	7	.270	.354	.439	.793
Pagán, Ángel	NYM	123	478	68	125	24	4	7	56	44	62	32	7	.262	.322	.372	.694
		541	1809	263	504	100	27	33	209	149	293	95	26	.279	.331	.418	.750
Parra, Gerardo	ARI	141	445	55	130	20	8	8	46	43	82	15	1	.292	.357	.427	.784
		394	1264	145	357	60	22	16	136	91	247	21	8	.282	.331	.403	.734
Patterson, Corey	TOR/STL	133	368	49	88	20	3	6	36	17	77	13	9	.239	.273	.359	.632
		1230	4171	571	1050	197	34	118	431	206	933	218	64	.252	.290	.400	.691
Paul, Xavier	LAD/PIT	128	243	30	62	6	5	2	20	13	62	16	6	.255	.292	.346	.638
		183	378	49	93	15	6	3	32	23	90	19	8	.246	.288	.341	.629
Peña, Carlos	CHC	153	493	72	111	27	3	28	80	101	161	2	2	.225	.357	.462	.820
		1226	4113	631	982	198	23	258	730	683	1292	25	16	.239	.352	.486	.838
Pence, Hunter	HOU/PHI	154	606	84	190	38	5	22	97	56	124	8	2	.314	.370	.502	.871
		734	2856	388	835	157	26	114	412	221	557	62	37	.292	.343	.485	.828
Phillips, Brandon	CIN	150	610	94	183	38	2	18	82	44	85	14	9	.300	.353	.457	.810
		1041	3997	567	1086	202	28	130	524	260	625	139	57	.272	.322	.434	.755
Polanco, Plácido	PHI	122	469	46	130	14	0	5	50	42	44	3	0	.277	.335	.339	.674
		1719	6534	948	1966	320	32	101	681	388	482	79	30	.301	.346	.406	.752
Posey, Buster	SF	45	162	17	46	5	0	4	21	18	30	3	0	.284	.368	.389	.756
		160	585	76	172	28	2	22	88	48	89	3	2	.294	.353	.462	.815
Prado, Martín	ATL	129	551	66	143	26	2	13	57	34	52	4	8	.260	.302	.385	.687
		527	1929	274	566	126	10	42	216	139	239	13	15	.293	.341	.434	.775
Pujols, Albert	STL	147	579	105	173	29	0	37	99	61	58	9	1	.299	.366	.541	.906
		1705	6312	1291	2073	455	15	445	1329	975	704	84	35	.328	.420	.617	1.037
Quintero, Humberto	HOU	79	262	22	63	12	1	2	25	6	53	1	0	.240	.258	.317	.575
		379	1075	80	252	44	2	15	94	37	235	1	2	.234	.268	.321	.589
Ramírez, Aramis	CHC	149	565	80	173	35	1	26	93	43	69	1	1	.306	.361	.510	.871
		1683	6293	873	1788	373	19	315	1122	501	958	16	15	.284	.342	.500	.842
Ramírez, Hanley	MIA	92	338	55	82	16	0	10	45	44	66	20	10	.243	.333	.379	.712
		852	3320	617	1016	214	24	134	434	369	607	216	69	.306	.380	.506	.886
Ramos, Wilson	WAS	113	389	48	104	22	1	15	52	38	76	0	2	.267	.334	.445	.779
		135	468	53	126	29	1	16	57	40	88	0	2	.269	.329	.438	.767
Rentería, Édgar	CIN	96	299	34	75	14	0	5	36	24	65	4	2	.251	.306	.348	.654
		2152	8142	1200	2327	436	29	140	923	718	1182	294	108	.286	.343	.398	.741
Reyes, José	NYM	126	537	101	181	31	16	7	44	43	41	39	7	.337	.384	.493	.877
		1050	4453	735	1300	222	99	81	423	333	509	370	92	.292	.341	.441	.782
Rivera, Juan	TOR/LAD	132	466	46	120	23	1	11	74	43	76	5	3	.258	.319	.382	.701
		949	3159	395	874	168	4	123	492	235	413	16	23	.277	.327	.449	.776
Roberts, Ryan	ARI	143	482	86	120	25	2	19	65	66	98	18	9	.249	.341	.427	.768
		307	880	138	220	46	4	29	100	112	182	25	12	.250	.337	.410	.748

BATTER	TEAM	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Rodríguez, Iván	WAS	44	124	14	27	7	0	2	19	10	28	0	0	.218	.281	.323	.604
		2543	9592	1354	2844	572	51	311	1332	513	1474	127	64	.297	.334	.464	.798
Rolen, Scott	CIN	65	252	31	61	20	2	5	36	10	36	1	0	.242	.279	.397	.676
		1946	7104	1185	2005	500	41	308	1248	869	1348	116	48	.282	.366	.494	.860
Rollins, Jimmy	PHI	142	567	87	152	22	2	16	63	58	59	30	8	.268	.338	.399	.736
		1636	6858	1080	1866	388	100	170	725	568	856	373	78	.272	.329	.432	.761
Ross, Cody	SF	121	405	54	97	25	0	14	52	49	96	5	2	.240	.325	.405	.730
		757	2436	328	636	152	11	100	371	197	571	28	8	.261	.323	.456	.779
Rowand, Aaron	SF	108	331	34	77	22	2	4	21	10	84	2	3	.233	.274	.347	.621
		1358	4374	613	1193	267	18	136	536	261	914	67	30	.273	.330	.435	.765
Ruiz, Carlos	PHI	132	410	49	116	23	0	6	40	48	48	1	0	.283	.371	.383	.754
		619	1866	218	495	121	5	36	231	241	236	11	6	.265	.357	.393	.750
Sánchez, Angel	HOU	110	288	35	69	10	0	1	28	27	44	3	0	.240	.305	.285	.590
		184	568	67	145	19	4	1	54	38	93	3	1	.255	.304	.308	.612
Sánchez, Freddy	SF	60	239	21	69	15	1	3	24	13	35	0	1	.289	.332	.397	.730
		904	3402	434	1012	215	17	48	371	180	420	13	9	.297	.335	.413	.748
Sánchez, Gaby	MIA	159	572	72	152	35	0	19	78	74	97	3	1	.266	.352	.427	.779
		336	1173	146	316	74	3	40	167	133	203	8	1	.269	.346	.440	.786
Sandoval, Pablo	SF	117	426	55	134	26	3	23	70	32	63	2	4	.315	.357	.552	.909
		463	1706	219	524	114	12	64	247	135	241	10	11	.307	.356	.501	.857
Schafer, Jordan	ATL/HOU	82	302	46	73	10	3	2	13	28	70	22	4	.242	.309	.315	.624
		132	469	64	107	18	3	4	21	55	133	24	5	.228	.311	.305	.616
Schierholtz, Nate	SF	115	335	42	93	22	1	9	41	21	61	7	4	.278	.326	.430	.756
		426	1034	130	282	67	10	18	102	62	184	17	12	.273	.318	.409	.727
Schumaker, Skip	STL	117	367	34	104	19	0	2	38	27	50	0	2	.283	.333	.352	.685
		703	2170	303	629	107	9	22	183	184	271	19	11	.290	.346	.378	.724
Smith, Seth	COL	147	476	67	135	32	9	15	59	46	93	10	2	.284	.347	.483	.830
		487	1285	200	354	78	19	51	181	142	251	17	4	.275	.348	.485	.833
Soriano, Alfonso	CHC	137	475	50	116	27	1	26	88	27	113	2	1	.244	.289	.469	.759
		1606	6382	978	1750	401	28	340	927	410	1423	264	73	.274	.323	.506	.829
Soto, Geovany	CHC	125	421	46	96	26	0	17	54	45	124	0	0	.228	.310	.411	.721
		503	1648	199	425	106	3	71	250	224	424	1	2	.258	.348	.455	.803
Stanton, Mike	MIA	150	516	79	135	30	5	34	87	70	166	5	5	.262	.356	.537	.893
		250	875	124	228	51	6	56	146	104	289	10	7	.261	.344	.525	.869
Stubbs, Drew	CIN	158	604	92	147	22	3	15	44	63	205	40	10	.243	.321	.364	.686
		350	1298	210	326	46	10	45	138	133	422	80	20	.251	.325	.406	.731
Tabata, Jose	PIT	91	334	53	89	18	1	4	21	40	61	16	7	.266	.349	.362	.711
		193	739	114	210	39	5	8	56	68	118	35	14	.284	.348	.383	.731
Tejada, Miguel	SF	91	322	28	77	16	0	4	26	12	35	4	4	.239	.270	.326	.596
		2118	8278	1215	2362	463	23	304	1282	547	1054	84	38	.285	.336	.457	.793
Tejada, Ruben	NYM	96	328	31	93	15	1	0	36	35	50	5	1	.284	.360	.335	.696
		174	544	59	139	27	1	1	51	57	88	7	3	.256	.338	.314	.653
Theriot, Ryan	STL	132	442	46	120	26	1	1	47	29	41	4	6	.271	.321	.342	.662
		795	2894	401	816	122	17	17	229	261	336	108	44	.282	.344	.353	.697
Thole, Josh	NYM	114	340	22	91	17	0	3	40	38	47	0	2	.268	.345	.344	.690
		204	595	41	164	26	2	6	66	66	77	2	2	.276	.350	.356	.707
Torres, Andrés	SF	112	348	50	77	24	1	4	19	42	95	19	6	.221	.312	.330	.643
		415	1264	197	308	79	21	27	118	131	325	60	21	.244	.318	.403	.721
Tulowitzki, Troy	COL	143	537	81	162	36	2	30	105	59	79	9	3	.302	.372	.544	.916
		697	2632	438	770	152	21	122	443	285	480	51	28	.293	.364	.505	.869
Turner, Justin	NYM	117	435	49	113	30	0	4	51	39	59	7	2	.260	.334	.356	.690
		138	470	52	117	31	0	4	54	44	65	7	2	.249	.326	.340	.666
Uggla, Dan	ATL	161	600	88	140	22	1	36	82	62	156	1	3	.233	.311	.453	.764
		937	3527	587	911	192	13	190	547	425	916	20	17	.258	.343	.482	.824
Upton, Justin	ARI	159	592	105	171	39	5	31	88	59	126	21	9	.289	.369	.529	.898
		581	2109	331	584	123	24	91	296	243	573	62	26	.277	.357	.487	.845
Uribe, Juan	LAD	77	270	21	55	12	0	4	28	17	60	2	0	.204	.264	.293	.557
		1333	4627	567	1169	243	41	155	627	281	900	41	37	.253	.298	.423	.721
Utlley, Chase	PHI	103	398	54	103	21	6	11	44	39	47	14	0	.259	.344	.425	.769
		1109	4133	731	1198	258	34	188	694	462	716	110	13	.290	.377	.505	.882
Valdez, Wilson	PHI	99	273	39	68	14	4	1	30	18	41	3	3	.249	.294	.341	.634
		362	948	116	230	43	11	6	92	61	137	14	8	.243	.290	.330	.621
Venable, Will	SD	121	370	49	91	14	7	9	44	31	92	26	3	.246	.310	.395	.704
		375	1165	163	291	43	18	36	143	114	330	62	12	.250	.321	.410	.731
Victorino, Shane	PHI	132	519	95	145	27	16	17	61	55	63	19	3	.279	.355	.491	.847
		922	3257	544	908	166	58	79	354	281	418	162	37	.279	.344	.438	.783
Votto, Joey	CIN	161	599	101	185	40	3	29	103	110	129	8	6	.309	.416	.531	.947
		617	2225	369	696	153	9	119	401	335	477	36	17	.313	.405	.550	.955
Walker, Neil	PIT	159	596	76	163	36	4	12	83	54	112	9	6	.273	.334	.408	.742
		286	1058	138	296	66	7	24	149	92	206	12	9	.280	.338	.423	.761
Wallace, Brett	HOU	115	336	37	87	22	0	5	29	36	91	1	1	.259	.334	.369	.703
		166	480	51	119	28	1	7	42	44	141	1	1	.248	.323	.354	.677
Weeks, Rickie	MIL	118	453	77	122	26	2	20	49	50	107	9	2	.269	.350	.468	.818
		760	2866	523	732	135	26	109	314	353	755	100	22	.255	.354	.435	.789
Werth, Jayson	WAS	150	561	69	130	26	1	20	58	74	160	19	3	.232	.330	.389	.718
		925	3080	502	814	164	16	140	464	435	887	96	14	.264	.360	.464	.824
Wigginton, Ty	COL	130	401	52	97	21	2	15	47	38	84	8	1	.242	.315	.416	.731
		1190	4107	509	1087	232	14	158	548	329	791	41	22	.265	.325	.443	.768
Wood, Brandon	LAA/PIT	105	250	26	54	10	0	7	31	19	73	0	0	.216	.270	.340	.610
		272	700	65	130	18	0	18	64	32	218	5	0	.186	.225	.289	.513
Wright, David	NYM	102	389	60	99	23	1	14	61	52	97	13	2	.255	.345	.427	.771
		1106	4161	699	1248	281	17	183	725	535	897	151	44	.300	.380	.508	.887
Young, Chris	ARI	156	567	89	134	38	3	20	71	80	139	22	9	.236	.331	.420	.751
		784	2848	417	683	174	17	118	367	324	735	104	32	.240	.319	.437	.756
Zimmerman, Ryan	WAS	101	395	52	114	21	2	12	49	41	73	3	1	.289	.355	.443	.798
		845	3283	487	947	214	14	128	498	338	618	25	12	.288	.355	.479	.834

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CLUB	W	L	ERA	G	CG	SHO	REL	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	OPP AVG
PHILADELPHIA	102	60	3.02	162	18	21	394	47	1477.0	1320	529	495	120	47	404	41	1299	23	6	.240
SAN FRANCISCO	86	76	3.20	162	3	12	480	52	1468.0	1260	578	522	96	50	559	46	1316	42	4	.232
SAN DIEGO	71	91	3.42	162	0	10	489	44	1449.1	1324	611	551	125	37	521	56	1139	45	6	.245
ATLANTA	89	73	3.48	162	3	16	510	52	1479.2	1332	605	572	125	53	521	73	1332	61	5	.240
LOS ANGELES	82	79	3.54	161	7	17	461	40	1432.0	1287	612	563	132	43	507	48	1265	50	7	.241
WASHINGTON	80	81	3.58	161	3	10	503	49	1449.1	1403	643	577	129	52	477	43	1049	49	6	.256
MILWAUKEE	96	66	3.63	162	1	13	434	47	1441.2	1348	638	582	147	33	440	16	1257	70	5	.246
ST. LOUIS	90	72	3.74	162	7	9	468	47	1462.0	1461	692	608	136	46	448	44	1098	48	3	.261
ARIZONA	94	68	3.80	162	5	12	463	58	1443.1	1414	662	609	159	53	442	16	1058	39	7	.257
MIAMI	72	90	3.95	162	7	11	508	40	1459.2	1403	702	640	149	37	500	72	1218	43	10	.253
PITTSBURGH	72	90	4.04	162	5	11	549	43	1449.1	1513	712	650	152	62	535	65	1031	60	6	.270
CINCINNATI	79	83	4.16	162	4	5	501	39	1467.2	1414	720	678	185	59	539	47	1112	51	13	.255
NEW YORK	77	85	4.19	162	6	9	514	43	1448.0	1482	742	674	147	70	514	48	1126	46	7	.265
CHICAGO	71	91	4.33	162	4	5	495	40	1434.1	1439	756	690	162	53	580	45	1224	51	5	.262
COLORADO	73	89	4.43	162	5	7	517	41	1447.2	1471	774	713	176	48	522	47	1118	65	7	.265
HOUSTON	56	106	4.51	162	2	6	503	25	1435.0	1477	796	719	188	53	560	59	1191	39	9	.266

Individual Pitching — 2011 Season and Career Stats (min. 63 IP or 63 Games, some AL stats are included in 2011 season totals)

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Affeldt, Jeremy	SF	67	0	3	2	3	3	13	0	0	61.2	47	22	18	5	24	54	2.63	1.15	.207
		554	42	35	35	25	18	88	0	0	738.1	730	380	338	66	328	580	4.12	1.43	.259
Arroyo, Bronson	CIN	32	32	9	12	0	0	0	1	1	199.0	227	119	112	46	45	108	5.07	1.37	.286
		327	291	112	105	1	0	3	12	4	1874.2	1913	987	892	256	554	1226	4.28	1.32	.264
Axford, John	MIL	74	0	2	2	46	2	0	0	0	73.2	59	19	16	4	25	86	1.95	1.14	.212
		131	0	10	4	71	5	3	0	0	139.1	106	39	35	5	58	171	2.26	1.18	.207
Badenhop, Burke	MIA	50	0	2	3	1	0	5	0	0	63.2	65	29	29	1	24	51	4.10	1.40	.265
		151	10	13	15	2	3	15	0	0	250.2	253	128	121	18	90	190	4.34	1.37	.264
Bailey, Homer	CIN	22	22	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	132.0	136	68	65	18	33	106	4.43	1.28	.264
		78	78	25	23	0	0	0	1	1	436.0	462	252	237	52	170	338	4.89	1.45	.273
Bastardo, Antonio	PHI	64	0	6	1	8	1	17	0	0	58.0	28	17	17	6	26	70	2.64	0.93	.144
		95	5	10	4	8	2	19	0	0	100.1	73	44	43	11	44	115	3.86	1.17	.200
Beachy, Brandon	ATL	25	25	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	141.2	125	62	58	16	46	169	3.68	1.21	.236
		28	28	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	156.2	141	71	63	16	53	184	3.62	1.24	.239
Beato, Pedro	NYM	60	0	2	1	0	1	11	0	0	67.0	59	41	32	5	27	39	4.30	1.28	.240
		60	0	2	1	0	1	11	0	0	67.0	59	41	32	5	27	39	4.30	1.28	.240
Belisle, Matt	COL	74	0	10	4	0	7	14	0	0	72.0	77	33	26	5	14	58	3.25	1.26	.276
		306	43	36	32	2	13	44	1	0	536.2	609	298	267	65	131	401	4.48	1.38	.288
Bell, Heath	SD	64	0	3	4	43	5	0	0	0	62.2	51	20	17	4	21	51	2.44	1.15	.223
		435	0	28	24	134	26	62	0	0	482.0	416	174	164	30	161	494	3.06	1.20	.234
Betancourt, Rafael	COL	68	0	2	0	8	4	22	0	0	62.1	46	21	20	7	8	73	2.89	0.87	.203
		543	0	33	24	27	33	141	0	0	560.0	474	211	198	59	129	600	3.18	1.08	.227
Billingsley, Chad	LAD	32	32	11	11	0	0	0	1	0	188.0	189	98	88	14	84	152	4.21	1.45	.264
		192	163	70	52	0	1	4	4	2	1013.2	949	449	414	75	441	903	3.68	1.37	.251
Bray, Bill	CIN	79	0	5	3	0	3	20	0	0	48.1	35	16	16	3	17	44	2.98	1.08	.202
		244	0	13	12	3	8	37	0	0	188.2	179	85	77	17	74	181	3.67	1.34	.248
Burngarner, Madison	SF	33	33	13	13	0	0	0	0	0	204.2	202	82	73	12	46	191	3.21	1.21	.260
		55	52	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	325.2	329	124	112	25	75	287	3.10	1.24	.263
Burnett, Sean	WAS	69	0	5	5	4	6	15	0	0	56.2	54	24	24	6	21	33	3.81	1.32	.254
		284	13	14	21	8	9	54	1	1	305.2	285	134	129	31	131	210	3.80	1.36	.249
Byrdak, Tim	NYM	72	0	2	1	1	3	8	0	0	37.2	34	20	16	3	19	47	3.82	1.41	.239
		415	0	11	11	4	11	71	0	0	304.1	285	162	145	42	183	289	4.29	1.54	.246
Cain, Matt	SF	33	33	12	11	0	0	0	1	0	221.2	177	82	71	9	63	179	2.88	1.08	.217
		204	203	69	73	0	0	0	13	4	1317.1	1102	523	491	108	473	1085	3.35	1.20	.227
Capuano, Chris	NYM	33	31	11	12	0	0	1	1	1	186.0	198	99	94	27	53	168	4.55	1.35	.270
		181	156	57	64	0	0	3	4	3	963.2	992	508	470	137	314	807	4.39	1.36	.266
Carpenter, Chris	STL	34	34	11	9	0	0	0	4	2	237.1	243	98	91	16	55	191	3.45	1.26	.264
		347	329	144	92	0	0	0	33	15	2202.1	2189	1014	920	218	624	1685	3.76	1.28	.261
Chacin, Jhoulys	COL	31	31	11	14	0	0	0	2	1	194.0	168	87	78	20	87	150	3.62	1.31	.231
		68	53	20	26	0	0	0	2	1	342.1	288	157	134	31	159	301	3.52	1.31	.228
Chapman, Aroldis	CIN	54	0	4	1	1	2	13	0	0	50.0	24	21	20	2	41	71	3.60	1.30	.147
		69	0	6	3	1	3	17	0	0	63.1	33	25	23	2	46	90	3.27	1.25	.158
Clippard, Tyler	WAS	72	0	3	0	0	7	38	0	0	88.1	48	18	18	11	26	104	1.83	0.84	.162
		199	8	22	12	1	18	64	0	0	277.0	194	95	91	36	123	309	2.96	1.14	.198
Coffey, Todd	WAS	69	0	5	1	0	2	10	0	0	59.2	55	25	24	4	20	46	3.62	1.26	.244
		438	0	24	18	11	16	76	0	0	419.1	466	209	190	48	129	311	4.08	1.42	.283
Coleman, Casey	CHC	19	17	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	84.1	102	62	60	10	46	75	6.40	1.75	.300
		31	25	7	11	0	0	0	0	0	141.1	158	89	86	13	71	102	5.48	1.62	.285
Collmenter, Josh	ARI	31	24	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	154.1	137	61	58	17	28	100	3.38	1.07	.237
		31	24	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	154.1	137	61	58	17	28	100	3.38	1.07	.237
Cook, Aaron	COL	18	17	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	97.0	127	67	65	9	37	48	6.03	1.69	.326
		238	206	72	68	0	0	2	11	2	1312.1	1519	708	660	111	408	558	4.53	1.47	.294
Cordero, Francisco	CIN	68	0	5	3	37	6	0	0	0	69.2	49	20	19	6	22	42	2.45	1.02	.198
		753	0	44	45	327	70	47	0	0	785.1	690	307	277	55	357	765	3.17	1.33	.237
Correia, Kevin	PIT	27	26	12	11	0	0	0	1	0	154.0	175	90	82	24	39	77	4.79	1.39	.287
		258	131	48	54	0	4	22	2	1	895.0	947	484	458	111	335	623	4.61	1.43	.272

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Cueto, Johnny	CIN	24	24	9	5	0	0	0	3	1	156.0	123	51	40	8	47	104	2.31	1.09	.220
		116	116	41	37	0	0	0	4	2	687.0	654	321	292	80	232	532	3.83	1.29	.252
Dempster, Ryan	CHC	34	34	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	202.1	211	111	108	23	82	191	4.80	1.45	.271
		519	294	112	116	87	15	5	11	3	2042.2	2022	1082	1002	222	940	1765	4.41	1.45	.260
Detwiler, Ross	WAS	15	10	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	66.0	63	26	22	7	20	41	3.00	1.26	.258
		39	29	6	14	0	0	1	1	0	172.1	184	91	78	15	67	102	4.07	1.46	.276
Dickey, R.A.	NYM	33	32	8	13	0	0	1	1	0	208.2	202	85	76	18	54	134	3.28	1.23	.256
		204	106	41	50	2	0	6	4	2	825.2	886	430	398	100	273	509	4.34	1.40	.276
Dotel, Octavio	TOR/STL	65	0	5	4	3	0	9	0	0	54.0	36	23	21	6	17	62	3.50	0.98	.185
		695	34	54	47	108	45	130	0	0	888.1	705	401	369	114	396	1077	3.74	1.24	.216
Duke, Zach	ARI	21	9	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	76.2	101	42	42	6	19	32	4.93	1.57	.324
		181	168	48	74	1	0	0	6	3	1041.0	1269	579	528	107	282	537	4.56	1.49	.306
Dunn, Mike	MIA	72	0	5	6	0	4	15	0	0	63.0	51	28	24	9	31	68	3.43	1.30	.224
		101	0	7	6	0	4	16	0	0	86.0	69	35	31	11	53	100	3.24	1.42	.220
Estrada, Marco	MIL	43	7	4	8	0	3	4	0	0	92.2	83	45	42	11	29	88	4.08	1.21	.243
		65	9	4	9	0	4	7	0	0	124.0	120	77	70	19	44	120	5.08	1.32	.252
Frieri, Ernesto	SD	59	0	1	2	0	0	4	0	0	63.0	51	21	19	3	34	76	2.71	1.35	.221
		94	0	2	3	0	0	11	0	0	96.2	69	28	25	5	52	119	2.33	1.25	.198
Gallardo, Yovani	MIL	33	33	17	10	0	0	0	1	1	207.1	193	92	81	27	59	207	3.52	1.22	.245
		118	115	53	34	0	0	0	4	3	712.1	646	312	287	71	273	732	3.63	1.29	.240
García, Jaime	STL	32	32	13	7	0	0	0	2	2	194.2	207	100	77	15	50	156	3.56	1.32	.273
		70	61	27	16	0	0	3	3	3	374.0	372	174	136	28	122	296	3.27	1.32	.258
Garza, Matt	CHC	31	31	10	10	0	0	0	2	0	198.0	186	90	73	14	63	197	3.32	1.26	.245
		152	149	52	54	1	0	0	8	3	923.1	884	437	393	100	319	769	3.83	1.30	.251
Gee, Dillon	NYM	30	27	13	6	0	0	0	1	0	160.2	150	85	79	18	71	114	4.43	1.38	.248
		35	32	15	8	0	0	0	1	0	193.2	175	95	87	20	86	131	4.04	1.35	.242
Gorzellany, Tom	WAS	30	15	4	6	0	1	4	0	0	105.0	102	50	47	15	33	95	4.03	1.29	.258
		148	110	40	43	1	2	7	1	1	663.0	677	356	337	74	290	506	4.57	1.46	.266
Gregerson, Luke	SD	61	0	3	3	0	4	16	0	0	55.2	57	23	17	2	19	34	2.75	1.37	.266
		213	0	9	14	3	15	83	0	0	209.0	166	82	72	13	68	216	3.10	1.12	.216
Greinke, Zack	MIL	28	28	16	6	0	0	0	0	0	171.2	161	82	73	19	45	201	3.83	1.20	.245
		238	197	76	73	1	0	12	12	3	1279.2	1282	591	543	131	325	1132	3.82	1.26	.260
Guerra, Javy	LAD	47	0	2	2	21	2	0	0	0	46.2	37	12	12	2	18	38	2.31	1.18	.218
		47	0	2	2	21	2	0	0	0	46.2	37	12	12	2	18	38	2.31	1.18	.218
Guerrier, Matt	LAD	70	0	4	3	1	3	13	0	0	66.1	59	31	30	4	25	50	4.07	1.27	.233
		463	3	23	28	6	19	106	0	0	538.1	499	223	207	62	172	360	3.46	1.25	.245
Halladay, Roy	PHI	32	32	19	6	0	0	0	8	1	233.2	208	65	61	10	35	220	2.35	1.04	.239
		378	352	188	92	1	0	3	66	20	2531.0	2436	1009	909	206	520	1934	3.23	1.17	.252
Hamels, Cole	PHI	32	31	14	9	0	0	0	3	0	216.0	169	68	67	19	44	194	2.79	0.99	.214
		181	180	74	54	0	0	0	10	4	1161.1	1033	464	438	141	292	1091	3.39	1.14	.237
Hammel, Jason	COL	32	27	7	13	1	0	0	0	0	170.1	175	100	90	21	68	94	4.76	1.43	.270
		169	115	34	45	3	0	1	1	0	732.0	823	432	406	86	253	508	4.99	1.47	.286
Hanrahan, Joel	PIT	70	0	1	4	40	4	0	0	0	68.2	56	17	14	1	16	61	1.83	1.05	.220
		290	11	17	15	60	17	30	0	0	337.2	319	160	147	28	156	369	3.92	1.41	.246
Hanson, Tommy	ATL	22	22	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	130.0	106	55	52	17	46	142	3.60	1.17	.219
		77	77	32	22	0	0	0	1	0	460.1	393	183	168	41	148	431	3.28	1.18	.230
Happ, J.A.	HOU	28	28	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	156.1	157	103	93	21	83	134	5.35	1.54	.265
		88	72	25	24	0	0	1	4	3	445.1	414	213	198	55	202	354	4.00	1.38	.250
Harang, Aaron	SD	28	28	14	7	0	0	0	0	0	170.2	175	73	69	20	58	124	3.64	1.37	.269
		268	262	95	94	0	0	0	13	6	1622.1	1721	813	767	217	465	1329	4.25	1.35	.273
Hensley, Clay	MIA	37	9	6	7	0	2	8	0	0	67.2	62	41	39	9	30	46	5.19	1.36	.238
		211	49	24	29	7	7	36	1	1	466.1	421	222	204	34	209	329	3.94	1.35	.242
Hernández, David	ARI	74	0	5	3	11	3	23	0	0	69.1	49	27	26	4	30	77	3.38	1.14	.193
		135	27	17	21	13	7	25	0	0	250.0	239	129	125	40	118	217	4.50	1.43	.248
Hernández, Liván	WAS	29	29	8	13	0	0	0	1	1	175.1	199	98	87	16	46	99	4.47	1.40	.291
		475	474	174	176	0	0	0	50	9	3121.2	3441	1638	1524	347	1050	1928	4.39	1.44	.284
Hudson, Daniel	ARI	33	33	16	12	0	0	0	3	0	222.0	217	98	86	17	50	169	3.49	1.20	.255
		53	49	25	15	0	0	0	3	0	336.0	301	133	119	28	86	267	3.19	1.15	.239
Hudson, Tim	ATL	33	33	16	10	0	0	0	1	1	215.0	189	86	77	14	56	158	3.22	1.14	.236
		378	377	181	97	0	0	0	24	12	2503.1	2336	1034	947	198	762	1699	3.40	1.24	.248
Jackson, Edwin	CWS/STL	32	31	12	9	0	0	0	1	1	199.2	225	92	84	16	62	148	3.79	1.44	.290
		203	173	60	60	0	1	0	4	3	1079.0	1154	578	535	119	439	801	4.46	1.48	.276
Johnson, Josh	MIA	9	9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	60.1	39	13	11	2	20	56	1.64	0.98	.185
		123	113	48	23	0	1	0	4	0	725.1	642	262	240	45	243	667	2.98	1.22	.239
Jurrjens, Jair	ATL	23	23	13	6	0	0	0	2	1	152.0	142	52	50	14	44	90	2.96	1.22	.249
		115	115	50	33	0	0	0	2	1	702.1	660	289	265	57	242	480	3.40	1.28	.251
Karstens, Jeff	PIT	30	26	9	9	0	0	0	1	1	162.1	163	69	61	22	33	96	3.38	1.21	.263
		119	76	21	36	0	0	1	2	2	501.2	547	280	252	72	138	264	4.52	1.37	.280
Kendrick, Kyle	PHI	34	15	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	114.2	110	50	41	14	30	59	3.22	1.22	.255
		127	98	43	30	0	0	0	1	0	598.1	659	320	293	80	170	275	4.41	1.39	.282
Kennedy, Ian	ARI	33	33	21	4	0	0	0	1	1	222.0	186	73	71	19	55	198	2.88	1.09	.227
		79	77	31	18	0	0	1	1	1	475.2	412	203	193	51	162	409	3.65	1.21	.233
Kershaw, Clayton	LAD	33	33	21	5	0	0	0	5	2	233.1	174	66	59	15	54	248	2.28	0.98	.207
		118	116	47	28	0	0	1	6	3	716.1	562	245	229	46	278	745	2.88	1.17	.216
Kimbrel, Craig	ATL	79	0	4	3	46	8	0	0	0	77.0	48	19	18	3	32	127	2.10	1.04	.178
		100	0	8	3	47	8	2	0	0	97.2	57	21	19	3	48	167	1.75	1.08	.167
Kuroda, Hiroki	LAD	32	32	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	202.0	196	77	69	24	49	161	3.07	1.21	.254
		115	114	41	46	0	0	0	2											

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PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
LeCure, Sam	CIN	43	4	2	1	0	0	5	0	0	77.2	57	33	32	10	21	73	3.71	1.00	.205
		58	10	4	6	0	0	5	0	0	125.2	107	57	56	16	46	110	4.01	1.22	.232
Lee, Cliff	PHI	32	32	17	8	0	0	0	6	6	232.2	197	66	62	18	42	238	2.40	1.03	.229
		254	250	119	69	0	0	0	26	11	1641.2	1616	727	665	168	392	1323	3.65	1.22	.256
Lilly, Ted	LAD	33	33	12	14	0	0	0	0	5	192.2	172	88	85	28	51	158	3.97	1.16	.238
		343	318	125	110	0	0	0	5	3	1911.0	1764	935	883	286	632	1632	4.16	1.25	.242
Lincecum, Tim	SF	33	33	13	14	0	0	0	1	1	217.0	176	74	66	15	86	220	2.74	1.21	.222
		156	155	69	41	0	0	0	8	5	1028.0	842	369	340	66	379	1127	2.98	1.19	.223
Lindstrom, Matt	COL	63	0	2	2	2	3	15	0	0	54.0	52	21	18	3	14	36	3.00	1.22	.256
		312	0	12	15	45	14	60	0	0	279.0	297	130	118	16	105	223	3.81	1.44	.274
Linebrink, Scott	ATL	64	0	4	4	1	1	7	0	0	54.1	58	22	22	6	21	42	3.64	1.45	.282
		607	6	42	31	8	33	155	0	0	656.2	630	280	256	82	229	567	3.51	1.31	.254
Loe, Kameron	MIL	72	0	4	7	1	7	16	0	0	72.0	65	30	28	4	16	61	3.50	1.13	.240
		232	47	26	35	2	13	44	1	1	474.0	517	269	228	43	154	287	4.33	1.42	.276
Lohse, Kyle	STL	30	30	14	8	0	0	0	1	1	188.1	178	80	71	16	42	111	3.39	1.17	.249
		322	298	102	106	0	1	0	8	6	1762.0	1945	976	908	216	527	1095	4.64	1.40	.281
López, Javier	SF	70	0	5	2	1	2	20	0	0	53.0	42	16	16	0	26	40	2.72	1.28	.221
		490	0	20	11	5	9	93	0	0	354.1	343	169	156	18	159	230	3.96	1.42	.258
López, Rodrigo	CHC	26	16	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	97.2	116	56	48	18	29	54	4.42	1.48	.299
		253	215	81	88	0	1	4	5	2	1344.1	1498	783	720	202	411	863	4.82	1.42	.282
López, Wilton	HOU	73	0	2	6	0	6	14	0	0	71.0	72	26	22	6	18	56	2.79	1.27	.264
		149	2	7	10	1	9	28	0	0	157.1	170	70	62	14	31	115	3.55	1.28	.279
Lowe, Derek	ATL	34	34	9	17	0	0	0	0	0	187.0	212	110	105	14	70	137	5.05	1.51	.285
		634	356	166	146	85	23	40	9	3	2515.2	2563	1232	1101	204	740	1659	3.94	1.31	.264
Luebke, Cory	SD	46	17	6	10	0	0	3	0	0	139.2	105	54	51	12	44	154	3.29	1.07	.209
		50	20	7	11	0	0	3	0	0	157.1	122	62	59	15	50	172	3.38	1.09	.214
Lyles, Jordan	HOU	20	15	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	94.0	107	61	56	14	26	67	5.36	1.41	.285
		20	15	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	94.0	107	61	56	14	26	67	5.36	1.41	.285
MacDougal, Mike	LAD	69	0	3	1	1	1	14	0	0	57.0	54	16	13	3	29	41	2.05	1.46	.257
		400	3	18	23	71	21	45	0	0	388.1	388	199	170	25	206	321	3.94	1.53	.262
Madson, Ryan	PHI	62	0	4	2	32	2	3	0	0	60.2	54	16	16	2	16	62	2.37	1.15	.243
		491	18	47	30	52	26	113	0	0	630.0	624	268	251	61	191	547	3.59	1.29	.261
Maholm, Paul	PIT	26	26	6	14	0	0	0	1	1	162.1	160	72	66	11	50	97	3.66	1.29	.262
		185	185	53	73	0	0	0	5	3	1143.2	1247	600	554	104	382	705	4.36	1.42	.283
Marcum, Shaun	MIL	33	33	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	200.2	175	84	79	22	57	158	3.54	1.16	.232
		153	128	50	32	1	1	1	1	0	792.2	724	348	332	108	241	637	3.77	1.22	.241
Mármol, Carlos	CHC	75	0	2	6	34	10	2	0	0	74.0	54	33	33	5	48	99	4.01	1.38	.205
		391	13	18	25	95	22	75	0	0	459.1	289	180	172	35	300	599	3.37	1.28	.179
Marquis, Jason	WAS/ARI	23	23	8	6	0	0	0	1	1	132.0	154	74	65	11	43	76	4.43	1.49	.294
		326	267	104	98	1	3	4	7	4	1675.2	1758	930	847	202	645	974	4.55	1.43	.271
Marshall, Sean	CHC	78	0	6	6	5	4	34	0	0	75.2	66	21	19	1	17	79	2.26	1.10	.234
		292	59	32	40	7	7	66	1	0	530.0	514	254	233	56	191	439	3.96	1.33	.254
Martínez, Cristhian	ATL	46	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	0	77.2	56	30	29	8	19	58	3.36	0.97	.197
		79	0	2	4	0	1	3	0	0	130.0	111	60	58	13	33	98	4.02	1.11	.227
Masset, Nick	CIN	75	0	3	6	1	6	14	0	0	70.1	76	30	29	5	31	62	3.71	1.52	.273
		308	2	16	14	4	14	58	0	0	333.0	326	152	140	27	142	285	3.78	1.41	.259
McClellan, Kyle	STL	43	17	12	7	0	1	4	0	0	141.2	143	71	66	21	43	76	4.19	1.31	.260
		245	17	19	22	6	10	68	0	0	359.1	336	155	144	41	126	246	3.61	1.29	.246
McCutchen, Daniel	PIT	73	0	5	3	0	0	10	0	0	84.2	87	38	35	7	33	47	3.72	1.42	.272
		107	15	8	10	0	0	10	0	0	188.2	208	103	98	26	72	104	4.67	1.48	.282
McDonald, James	PIT	31	31	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	171.0	176	86	80	24	78	142	4.21	1.49	.268
		95	47	18	20	0	0	6	0	0	311.2	311	152	140	34	142	266	4.04	1.45	.263
Melancon, Mark	HOU	71	0	8	4	20	5	3	0	0	74.1	65	28	23	5	26	66	2.78	1.22	.234
		106	0	10	5	20	7	11	0	0	112.0	97	49	40	7	44	98	3.21	1.26	.232
Minor, Mike	ATL	15	15	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	82.2	93	39	38	7	30	77	4.14	1.49	.285
		24	23	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	123.1	146	67	65	13	41	120	4.74	1.52	.295
Morton, Charlie	PIT	29	29	10	10	0	0	0	2	1	171.2	186	82	73	6	77	110	3.83	1.53	.281
		80	79	21	39	0	0	0	3	2	423.0	480	266	240	37	184	279	5.11	1.57	.289
Moseley, Dustin	SD	20	20	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	120.0	117	59	44	10	36	64	3.30	1.28	.255
		100	52	15	21	0	0	4	0	0	353.1	392	197	181	42	115	195	4.61	1.43	.285
Mota, Guillermo	SF	52	0	2	2	1	1	4	0	0	80.1	71	34	34	10	30	77	3.81	1.26	.240
		717	0	39	44	10	24	121	0	0	836.0	738	383	363	87	323	672	3.91	1.27	.237
Motte, Jason	STL	78	0	5	2	9	4	18	0	0	68.0	49	22	17	2	16	63	2.25	0.96	.202
		215	0	13	8	12	8	49	0	0	188.0	152	69	61	17	60	187	2.92	1.13	.223
Mujica, Edward	MIA	67	0	9	6	0	3	17	0	0	76.0	64	27	25	7	14	63	2.96	1.03	.233
		246	4	17	15	2	7	33	0	0	309.1	314	150	141	44	51	257	4.10	1.18	.264
Myers, Brett	HOU	34	33	7	14	0	0	0	2	0	216.0	226	116	107	31	57	160	4.46	1.31	.267
		307	249	94	85	21	3	6	12	3	1623.1	1631	815	764	229	536	1326	4.24	1.33	.261
Narveson, Chris	MIL	30	28	11	8	0	0	0	0	0	161.2	160	82	80	17	65	126	4.45	1.39	.257
		93	61	25	17	0	1	3	0	0	385.2	383	205	198	46	145	321	4.62	1.37	.258
Nicasio, Juan	COL	13	13	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	71.2	73	35	33	8	18	58	4.14	1.27	.262
		13	13	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	71.2	73	35	33	8	18	58	4.14	1.27	.262
Niese, Jonathon	NYM	27	26	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	157.1	178	88	77	14	44	138	4.40	1.41	.284
		65	64	22	23	0	0	0	2	1	370.2	417	208	181	37	123	315	4.39	1.46	.283
Nolasco, Ricky	MIA	33	33	10	12	0	0	0	2	1	206.0	244	117	107	20	44	148	4.67	1.40	.295
		164	148	64	51	0	0	2	6	2	922.1	976	500	461	118	213	786	4.50	1.29	.271
Norris, Bud	HOU	31	31	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	186.0	177	93	78	24	70	176	3.77	1.33	.250
		69	68	21	24	0	0	0	0	0	395.1	387	216	190	51	1				

PITCHER	TEAM	G	GS	W	L	SV	BS	HLD	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	ERA	WHIP	BAA
Oviedo, Juan	MIA	68	0	1	4	36	6	0	0	0	64.1	57	30	29	8	21	55	4.06	1.21	.235
		317	6	18	20	92	25	29	0	0	357.0	355	182	172	47	117	288	4.34	1.32	.259
Owings, Micah	ARI	33	4	8	0	0	0	3	0	0	63.0	56	27	25	8	23	44	3.57	1.25	.240
		132	68	32	31	1	0	4	2	1	473.1	460	276	258	63	203	340	4.91	1.40	.255
Pelfrey, Mike	NYM	34	33	7	13	0	0	0	2	0	193.2	220	111	102	21	65	105	4.74	1.47	.286
		150	146	50	54	1	0	0	4	0	876.2	965	458	429	70	314	493	4.40	1.46	.283
Putz, J.J.	ARI	60	0	2	2	45	4	0	0	0	58.0	41	15	14	4	12	61	2.17	0.91	.195
		457	0	32	26	151	34	53	0	0	464.1	381	166	158	41	150	482	3.06	1.14	.222
Qualls, Chad	SD	77	0	6	8	0	5	22	0	0	74.1	73	30	29	7	20	43	3.51	1.25	.263
		537	0	38	34	51	37	130	0	0	543.0	539	251	228	53	150	426	3.78	1.27	.263
Ramírez, Ramón	SF	66	0	3	3	4	1	11	0	0	68.2	54	24	20	3	26	66	2.62	1.17	.216
		359	0	20	17	8	11	63	0	0	364.1	303	141	128	26	149	310	3.16	1.24	.226
Resop, Chris	PIT	76	0	5	4	1	5	15	0	0	69.2	73	34	34	8	30	79	4.39	1.48	.269
		156	0	8	7	1	6	24	0	0	151.2	156	82	81	14	79	145	4.81	1.55	.270
Reynolds, Matt	COL	73	0	1	2	0	2	18	0	0	50.2	48	24	23	10	18	50	4.09	1.30	.255
		94	0	2	2	0	2	20	0	0	68.2	58	28	27	12	23	67	3.54	1.18	.233
Richard, Clayton	SD	18	18	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	99.2	104	52	43	8	38	53	3.88	1.42	.272
		102	85	30	28	0	0	0	2	1	502.0	525	259	234	46	200	349	4.20	1.44	.272
Rodríguez, Aneurly	HOU	43	8	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	85.1	83	57	50	13	32	64	5.27	1.35	.252
		43	8	1	6	0	0	1	0	0	85.1	83	57	50	13	32	64	5.27	1.35	.252
Rodríguez, Francisco	NYM/MIL	73	0	6	2	23	6	17	0	0	71.2	67	22	21	4	26	79	2.64	1.30	.243
		604	0	36	27	291	51	51	0	0	648.2	468	200	181	48	283	806	2.51	1.16	.199
Rodríguez, Henry	WAS	59	0	3	3	2	3	10	0	0	65.2	54	30	26	1	45	70	3.56	1.51	.220
		91	0	4	3	2	4	13	0	0	97.1	83	48	41	3	60	107	3.79	1.47	.226
Rodríguez, Wandy	HOU	30	30	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	191.0	182	81	74	25	69	166	3.49	1.31	.251
		206	197	73	75	0	0	0	2	2	1176.0	1161	598	532	134	422	1004	4.07	1.35	.259
Rogers, Esmil	COL	18	13	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	83.0	110	65	65	14	47	63	7.05	1.89	.320
		47	22	8	9	0	1	1	0	0	159.0	207	126	116	19	75	132	6.57	1.77	.317
Romo, Sergio	SF	65	0	3	1	1	1	23	0	0	48.0	29	8	8	2	5	70	1.50	0.71	.173
		207	0	16	7	3	5	60	0	0	178.0	121	52	46	12	38	214	2.33	0.89	.196
Russell, James	CHC	64	5	1	6	0	2	6	0	0	67.2	76	37	31	12	14	43	4.12	1.33	.280
		121	5	2	7	0	4	12	0	0	116.2	131	74	58	23	25	85	4.47	1.34	.283
Rzepczynski, Marc	TOR/STL	71	0	2	6	0	4	18	0	0	62.0	50	27	23	3	26	61	3.34	1.23	.223
		96	23	8	14	0	4	20	0	0	187.0	173	91	83	18	86	178	3.99	1.39	.247
Salas, Fernando	STL	68	0	5	6	24	6	6	0	0	75.0	50	20	19	7	21	75	2.28	0.95	.186
		95	0	5	6	24	7	7	0	0	105.2	78	33	31	11	36	104	2.64	1.08	.203
Samardzija, Jeff	CHC	75	0	8	4	0	2	13	0	0	88.0	64	35	29	5	50	87	2.97	1.30	.200
		128	5	12	9	1	5	16	0	0	169.2	155	98	83	16	100	142	4.40	1.50	.241
Sánchez, Anibal	MIA	32	32	8	9	0	0	0	3	2	196.1	187	85	80	20	64	202	3.67	1.28	.250
		114	113	39	38	0	0	0	6	4	673.1	650	304	278	59	272	566	3.72	1.37	.253
Sánchez, Jonathan	SF	19	19	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	101.1	80	54	48	9	66	102	4.26	1.44	.220
		174	118	38	46	0	0	9	1	1	708.0	607	360	335	73	376	736	4.26	1.39	.231
Saunders, Joe	ARI	33	33	12	13	0	0	0	1	0	212.0	210	94	87	29	67	108	3.69	1.31	.266
		161	161	69	52	0	0	0	6	2	986.2	1041	504	456	124	315	550	4.16	1.37	.275
Stauffer, Tim	SD	31	31	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	185.2	180	81	77	20	53	128	3.73	1.25	.258
		95	69	23	31	0	0	0	0	0	436.0	426	200	190	46	147	299	3.92	1.31	.258
Storen, Drew	WAS	73	0	6	3	43	5	3	0	0	75.1	57	24	23	8	20	74	2.75	1.02	.204
		127	0	10	7	48	7	13	0	0	130.2	105	48	45	11	42	126	3.10	1.13	.220
Strasburg, Stephen	WAS	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	24.0	15	5	4	0	2	24	1.50	0.71	.179
		17	17	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	92.0	71	30	26	5	19	116	2.54	0.98	.211
Street, Huston	COL	62	0	1	4	29	4	4	0	0	58.1	62	28	25	10	9	55	3.86	1.22	.276
		417	0	30	21	178	38	18	0	0	436.1	354	165	151	40	111	441	3.11	1.07	.221
Vázquez, Javier	MIA	32	32	13	11	0	0	0	2	1	192.2	178	91	79	21	50	162	3.69	1.18	.243
		450	443	165	160	0	0	1	28	8	2840.0	2784	1431	1331	373	763	2536	4.22	1.25	.255
Venters, Jonny	ATL	85	0	6	2	5	4	35	0	0	88.0	53	19	18	2	43	96	1.84	1.09	.176
		164	0	10	6	6	8	59	0	0	171.0	114	49	36	3	82	189	1.89	1.15	.190
Veras, José	PIT	79	0	2	4	1	7	27	0	0	71.0	54	32	30	6	34	79	3.80	1.24	.206
		255	0	14	13	4	11	64	0	0	247.1	194	119	113	28	132	249	4.11	1.32	.213
Vogelsong, Ryan	SF	30	28	13	7	0	0	0	1	1	179.2	164	62	54	15	61	139	2.71	1.25	.244
		150	61	23	29	0	1	2	1	1	494.2	511	279	259	51	215	355	4.71	1.47	.268
Vólquez, Edinson	CIN	20	20	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	108.2	106	72	69	19	65	104	5.71	1.57	.259
		94	90	33	29	0	0	0	0	0	497.0	477	277	257	59	267	479	4.65	1.50	.254
Volstad, Chris	MIA	29	29	5	13	0	0	0	0	0	165.2	187	96	90	23	49	117	4.89	1.42	.289
		103	102	32	39	0	0	0	3	2	584.0	619	320	298	72	204	378	4.59	1.41	.275
Wells, Randy	CHC	23	23	7	6	0	0	0	2	1	135.1	141	76	75	23	47	82	4.99	1.39	.269
		86	82	27	30	0	0	0	2	1	500.1	515	240	223	56	159	331	4.01	1.35	.266
Westbrook, Jake	STL	33	33	12	9	0	0	0	0	0	183.1	208	103	95	16	73	104	4.66	1.53	.290
		266	226	85	84	0	2	7	13	3	1456.1	1562	768	702	129	469	815	4.34	1.39	.277
Willis, Dontrelle	CIN	13	13	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	75.2	78	42	42	6	37	57	5.00	1.52	.271
		205	202	72	69	0	0	0	15	8	1221.2	1251	612	566	114	500	896	4.17	1.43	.268
Wilson, Brian	SF	57	0	6	4	36	5	0	0	0	55.0	50	20	19	2	31	54	3.11	1.47	.240
		313	0	20	20	170	25	14	0	0	318.0	282	120	112	17	140	338	3.17	1.33	.236
Wolf, Randy	MIL	33	33	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	212.1	214	95	87	23	66	134	3.69	1.32	.266
		346	342	127	107	0	0	0	13	9	2110.1	2035	1025	959	264	758	1663	4.09	1.32	.255
Wood, Travis	CIN	22	18	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	106.0	118	57	57	10	40	76	4.84	1.49	.293
		39	35	11	10	0	0	0	0	0	208.2	203	102	97	19	66	162	4.18	1.29	.258
Worley, Vance	PHI	25	21	11	3	0	0	2	1	0	131.2	116	47	44	10	46	119	3.01	1.23	.237
		30	23	12	4	0	0	2	1	0	144.2	124	49	46	11	50	131	2.86	1.20	.232
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLUB	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB	CLUB	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB
TAMPA BAY	.988	162	4347	1519	73	5939	138	1	5	TORONTO	.982	162	4376	1703	110	6189	148	0	20
CHICAGO	.987	162	4380	1667	79	6126	129	0	10	CLEVELAND	.982	162	4360	1689	110	6159	130	1	9
LOS ANGELES	.985	162	4395	1723	93	6211	157	0	7	SEATTLE	.982	162	4299	1623	108	6030	152	0	11
BOSTON	.985	162	4372	1526	92	5990	120	1	32	BALTIMORE	.982	162	4344	1655	110	6105	159	0	4
KANSAS CITY	.985	162	4354	1700	95	6149	149	0	8	TEXAS	.981	162	4324	1552	114	5990	164	0	9
NEW YORK	.983	162	4375	1569	102	6046	141	0	7	MINNESOTA	.980	162	4265	1621	119	6005	153	0	12
DETROIT	.983	162	4320	1639	103	6062	148	0	8	OAKLAND	.979	162	4343	1529	124	5996	145	0	6

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CATCHER

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Arencibia, J, TOR	.993	122	822	72	6	900	4	12
Avila, A, DET	.995	133	940	73	5	1018	14	7
Butera, D, MIN	.989	93	418	38	5	461	3	7
Cervelli, F, NYY	.980	41	278	18	6	302	1	3
Conger, H, LAA	.983	56	322	27	6	355	5	1
Jaso, J, TB	.992	82	479	26	4	509	4	4
Marson, L, CLE	.990	78	476	43	5	524	6	5
Martin Jr., R, NYY	.990	125	866	96	10	972	8	4
Mathis, J, LAA	.995	91	512	53	3	568	4	6
Mauer, J, MIN	.987	52	291	18	4	313	2	4
Molina, J, TOR	.997	48	342	24	1	367	3	8
Napoli, M, TEX	.996	61	431	25	2	458	4	1
Olivo, M, SEA	.988	127	835	71	11	917	7	11
Pena, B, KC	.995	69	417	25	2	444	6	4
Perez, S, KC	.990	39	290	21	3	314	2	2
Pierzynski, A, CWS	.995	120	817	65	4	886	4	4
Rivera, R, MIN	.988	44	231	16	3	250	1	1
Saltalamacchia, J, BOS	.992	101	678	56	6	740	3	26
Santana, C, CLE	.989	95	580	43	7	630	4	4
Shoppach, K, TB	.994	86	485	37	3	525	7	1
Suzuki, K, OAK	.993	129	914	55	7	976	7	5
Torrealba, Y, TEX	.988	98	685	38	9	732	4	7
Treanor, M, TEX/KC	.991	72	419	24	4	447	5	2
Varitek, J, BOS	.993	68	519	28	4	551	1	6
Waters, M, BAL	.995	132	855	70	5	930	14	1
Wilson, B, LAA	.996	47	239	26	1	266	1	0

FIRST BASE

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Allen, B, OAK	.989	41	334	19	4	357	24
Barton, D, OAK	.988	65	596	39	8	643	72
Cabrera, M, DET	.991	152	1263	103	13	1379	117
Cuddyer, M, MIN	.995	46	355	23	2	380	31
Gonzalez, A, BOS	.997	156	1222	125	4	1351	106
Hosmer, E, KC	.993	127	1096	78	8	1182	101
Hughes, L, MIN	.997	36	278	13	1	292	26
Jackson, C, BOS/OAK	.997	53	354	17	1	372	27
Kennedy, A, SEA	.992	36	217	24	2	243	21
Konerko, P, CWS	.995	111	975	68	5	1048	89
Kotchman, C, TB	.998	146	1119	80	2	1201	109
LaPorta, M, CLE	.992	97	807	41	7	855	69
Lee, D, BAL	.991	85	713	52	7	772	67
Lind, A, TOR	.996	109	952	64	4	1020	88
Moreland, M, TEX	.995	99	731	54	4	789	88
Morneau, J, MIN	.998	56	440	44	1	485	52
Reynolds, M, BAL	.987	44	370	17	5	392	45
Santana, C, CLE	.994	66	622	43	4	669	43
Smoak, J, SEA	.993	108	884	59	7	950	87
Teixeira, M, NYY	.997	147	1229	73	4	1306	114
Trumbo, M, LAA	.993	149	1281	93	10	1384	117
Young, M, TEX	.989	36	267	13	3	283	34

SECOND BASE

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Ackley, D, SEA	.984	86	144	225	6	375	49
Andino, R, BAL	.990	94	159	239	4	402	63
Beckham, G, CWS	.989	149	272	443	8	723	84
Cabrera, O, CLE	.985	83	128	262	6	396	44
Cano, R, NYY	.987	157	323	444	10	777	97
Casilla, A, MIN	.977	56	85	174	6	265	38
Ellis, M, OAK	.994	59	127	189	2	318	50
Getz, C, KC	.988	110	189	299	6	494	69
Giavotella, J, KC	.972	46	56	117	5	178	17
Hill, A, TOR	.985	104	193	280	7	480	71
Hughes, L, MIN	.989	37	79	108	2	189	25
Izturis, M, LAA	.984	49	87	158	4	249	33
Kendrick, H, LAA	.992	108	161	317	4	482	63
Kinsler, I, TEX	.984	144	268	398	11	677	103
Kipnis, J, CLE	.963	36	58	100	6	164	16

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Pedroia, D, BOS	.990	159	290	425	7	722	81
Raburn, R, DET	.950	56	69	122	10	201	23
Roberts, B, BAL	.984	39	65	123	3	191	24
Rodriguez, S, TB	.989	48	66	112	2	180	25
Santiago, R, DET	.996	75	93	143	1	237	28
Tolbert, M, MIN	.979	36	61	78	3	142	23
Weeks, J, OAK	.969	96	148	261	13	422	49
Wilson, J, SEA	.990	45	79	111	2	192	28
Zobrist, B, TB	.989	131	213	316	6	535	68

THIRD BASE

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Aviles, M, BOS/KC	.925	46	20	78	8	106	4
Beltre, A, TEX	.965	112	93	208	11	312	24
Betemit, W, DET	.947	87	49	148	11	208	12
Callaspo, A, LAA	.959	129	95	255	15	365	27
Chavez, E, NYY	1.000	42	26	60	0	86	9
Chisenhall, L, CLE	.940	58	44	114	10	168	8
Encarnacion, E, TOR	.892	36	23	43	8	74	2
Figgins, C, SEA	.941	80	40	134	11	185	11
Hannahan, J, CLE	.983	104	83	208	5	296	21
Inge, B, DET	.964	99	76	163	9	248	12
Izturis, M, LAA	.964	37	26	55	3	84	3
Kelly, D, DET	.961	45	30	69	4	103	7
Kouzmanoff, K, OAK	.922	46	29	78	9	116	9
Lawrie, B, TOR	.963	43	38	120	6	164	10
Longoria, E, TB	.962	130	124	229	14	367	35
Morel, B, CWS	.953	125	72	211	14	297	13
Moustakas, M, KC	.954	89	60	169	11	240	14
Nix, J, TOR	.975	41	32	83	3	118	8
Nunez, E, NYY	.919	40	22	46	6	74	7
Reynolds, M, BAL	.897	114	58	169	26	253	19
Rodriguez, A, NYY	.973	89	54	165	6	225	13
Seager, K, SEA	.967	42	31	85	4	120	2
Sizemore, S, OAK	.934	91	54	129	13	196	10
Valencia, D, MIN	.949	147	73	260	18	351	20
Youkilis, K, BOS	.967	112	87	177	9	273	15
Young, M, TEX	.950	40	30	66	5	101	9

SHORTSTOP

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Andrus, E, TEX	.963	147	245	407	25	677	102
Aybar, E, LAA	.980	142	240	406	13	659	102
Brignac, R, TB	.979	91	104	217	7	328	44
Cabrera, A, CLE	.976	151	216	386	15	617	78
Casilla, A, MIN	.969	36	56	101	5	162	23
Escobar, A, KC	.980	158	271	459	15	745	98
Escobar, Y, TOR	.974	132	182	343	14	539	73
Hardy, J, BAL	.990	129	211	403	6	620	79
Jeter, D, NYY	.972	122	140	280	12	432	60
Johnson, E, TB	.993	52	48	100	1	149	15
Lowrie, J, BOS	.945	49	59	112	10	181	22
Nishioka, T, MIN	.964	60	96	172	10	278	34
Nunez, E, NYY	.913	50	46	101	14	161	17
Pennington, C, OAK	.964	147	216	374	22	612	90
Peralta, J, DET	.988	145	218	383	7	608	83
Plouffe, T, MIN	.944	45	73	111	11	195	33
Ramirez, A, CWS	.977	155	217	457	16	690	99
Rodriguez, S, TB	.947	60	55	105	9	169	22
Ryan, B, SEA	.974	123	186	371	15	572	79
Scutaro, M, BOS	.972	109	147	269	12	428	53

OUTFIELD

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Bautista, J, TOR	.976	116	233	13	6	252	5
Boesch, B, DET	.985	101	190	7	3	200	1
Bourjos, P, LAA	.989	147	350	7	4	361	0
Brantley, M, CLE	.988	111	236	5	3	244	2
Buck, T, CLE	.988	40	80	0	1	81	0
Cabrera, M, KC	.991	153	331	13	3	347	7

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Carrera, E, CLE	.970	64	128	2	4	134	0
Chavez, E, TEX	.993	75	133	3	1	137	0
Choo, S, CLE	.978	85	172	9	4	185	2
Crawford, C, BOS	.987	127	235	1	3	239	0
Crisp, C, OAK	.997	133	321	2	1	324	1
Cruz, N, TEX	.977	115	244	6	6	256	1
Cuddyer, M, MIN	.974	77	142	6	4	152	1
Davis, R, TOR	.990	91	197	2	2	201	0
De Aza, A, CWS	.991	48	104	2	1	107	0
DeJesus, D, OAK	.984	122	240	6	4	250	1
Dickerson, C, NYY	.944	52	34	0	2	36	0
Dirks, A, DET	.985	71	127	4	2	133	0
Drew, J, BOS	1.000	76	146	3	0	149	0
Duncan, S, CLE	.984	39	59	2	1	62	0
Ellsbury, J, BOS	1.000	154	388	6	0	394	3
Francouer, J, KC	.986	153	327	16	5	348	4
Fukudome, K, CLE	.986	59	143	2	2	147	2
Fuld, S, TB	.985	87	190	5	3	198	0
Gardner, B, NYY	.985	156	322	7	5	334	3
Gentry, C, TEX	.982	60	109	0	2	111	0
Gordon, A, KC	.991	148	312	20	3	335	2
Granderson, C, NYY	.992	155	354	11	3	368	1
Gutierrez, F, SEA	1.000	92	237	7	0	244	3
Hamilton, J, TEX	.979	112	224	5	5	234	1
Hunter, T, LAA	.989	137	264	15	3	282	2
Jackson, A, DET	.992	152	379	8	3	390	3
Jackson, C, BOS/OAK	.989	52	83	4	1	88	2
Jennings, D, TB	.992	60	118	3	1	122	0
Jones, A, NYY	.989	57	88	1	1	90	1
Jones, A, BAL	.980	148	379	16	8	403	5
Joyce, M, TB	.988	136	231	8	3	242	3
Kearns, A, CLE	.991	54	105	1	1	107	0
Kelly, D, DET	.984	58	59	1	1	61	0
Kubel, J, MIN	.992	58	110	9	1	120	3
Lillibridge, B, CWS	1.000	59	87	0	0	87	0
Markakis, N, BAL	1.000	157	311	14	0	325	3
McDonald, D, BOS	.968	67	90	2	3	95	0
Murphy, D, TEX	.980	109	191	5	4	200	2
Ordonez, M, DET	1.000	69	85	7	0	92	3
Patterson, C, TOR	1.000	84	162	3	0	165	0
Peguero, C, SEA	.988	43	82	3	1	86	2
Pie, F, BAL	1.000	73	100	1	0	101	0
Pierre, J, CWS	.976	155	278	5	7	290	1
Quentin, C, CWS	.994	102	177	2	1	180	0
Raburn, R, DET	.948	72	106	4	6	116	2
Reddick, J, BOS	.968	80	145	5	5	155	1
Reimold, N, BAL	.981	76	150	5	3	158	0
Repko, J, MIN	.988	55	78	2	1	81	0
Revere, B, MIN	.976	106	285	3	7	295	0
Rios, A, CWS	.992	143	349	5	3	357	3
Robinson, T, SEA	.933	41	80	3	6	89	0
Ruggiano, J, TB	1.000	36	64	1	0	65	0
Saunders, M, SEA	1.000	56	139	1	0	140	0
Scott, L, BAL	.988	45	82	0	1	83	0
Sizemore, G, CLE	.984	56	123	1	2	126	0
Snider, T, TOR	.969	48	91	4	3	98	1
Span, D, MIN	.995	67	206	1	1	208	0
Suzuki, I, SEA	.985	151	263	7	4	274	5
Sweeney, R, OAK	1.000	92	150	3	0	153	0
Swisher, N, NYY	.996	141	273	9	1	283	1
Thames, E, TOR	.987	79	146	2	2	150	1
Tosoni, R, MIN	.968	42	87	4	3	94	0
Upton, B, TB	.992	151	382	6	3	391	3
Wells, C, SEA/DET	.985	83	128	7	2	137	4
Wells, V, LAA	.990	122	281	4	3	288	0
Willingham, J, OAK	.988	96	159	3	2	164	1
Young, D, DET/MIN	.969	115	214	7	7	228	3
Zobrist, B, TB	1.000	38	65	1	0	66	0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CLUB	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB	CLUB	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	TP	PB
PHILADELPHIA	.988	162	4431	1620	74	6125	135	0	12	SAN FRANCISCO	.983	162	4404	1657	104	6165	127	0	14
ATLANTA	.987	162	4439	1675	83	6197	131	0	9	WASHINGTON	.983	161	4348	1691	104	6143	145	0	8
LOS ANGELES	.986	161	4296	1511	85	5892	121	0	8	PITTSBURGH	.982	162	4348	1771	112	6231	154	0	13
CINCINNATI	.985	162	4403	1759	91	6253	146	0	5	ST. LOUIS	.982	162	4386	1815	116	6317	167	0	10
ARIZONA	.985	162	4330	1604	90	6024	131	0	9	MILWAUKEE	.982	162	4325	1587	111	6023	130	1	4
SAN DIEGO	.985	162	4348	1694	94	6136	139	0	10	NEW YORK	.981	162	4344	1697	116	6157	126	0	26
MIAMI	.985	162	4379	1553	93	6025	126	0	10	HOUSTON	.981	162	4305	1632	116	6053	140	0	8
COLORADO	.984	162	4343	1758	98	6199	156	0	17	CHICAGO	.978	162	4303	1559	134	5996	128	0	7

Individual Fielding — 2011 Season (min. 50 games)

CATCHER

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP	PB
Barajas, R, LAD	.997	88	651	48	2	701	4	3
Buck, J, MIA	.995	135	1008	42	5	1055	5	7
Corporan, C, HOU	.985	50	371	30	6	407	5	2
Doumit, R, PIT	.983	60	321	26	6	353	1	4
Hanigan, R, CIN	.993	89	541	29	4	574	6	2
Hayes, B, MIA	1.000	50	254	20	0	274	2	3
Hernandez, R, CIN	.998	82	507	41	1	549	6	3
Hundley, N, SD	.989	76	501	60	6	567	8	4
Iannetta, C, COL	.998	105	733	82	2	817	7	8
Johnson, R, SD	.995	63	362	65	2	429	3	5
Lucroy, J, MIL	.993	132	976	63	7	1046	6	1
McCann, B, ATL	.995	126	978	78	5	1061	14	7
McKenry, M, PIT	.987	58	359	24	5	388	2	1
Molina, Y, STL	.995	137	857	67	5	929	5	6
Montero, M, ARI	.989	134	908	78	11	997	9	8
Navarro, D, LAD	.985	54	421	27	7	455	5	2
Paulino, R, NYM	.983	68	375	30	7	412	3	6
Possey, B, SF	.994	41	333	24	2	359	4	3
Quintero, H, HOU	.992	77	541	43	5	589	9	3
Ramos, W, WAS	.993	108	684	55	5	744	7	3
Ruiz, C, PHI	.996	128	950	68	4	1022	4	8
Soto, G, CHC	.987	122	899	82	13	994	7	5
Stewart, C, SF	.986	63	430	48	7	485	4	2
Thole, J, NYM	.997	102	657	44	2	703	4	16
Towles, J, HOU	.981	51	284	22	6	312	3	2
Whiteside, E, SF	.991	81	495	41	5	541	4	7

FIRST BASE

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Felder, P, MIL	.990	159	1332	84	15	1431	113
Freeman, F, ATL	.996	156	1317	92	6	1415	106
Goldschmidt, P, ARI	1.000	43	351	22	0	373	22
Guzman, J, SD	.990	53	380	35	4	419	28
Helton, T, COL	.997	119	985	104	3	1092	110
Howard, R, PHI	.993	149	1282	70	9	1361	110
Huff, A, SF	.995	120	990	72	5	1067	86
Lee, C, HOU	.992	79	578	75	5	658	59
Loney, J, LAD	.996	150	1129	74	5	1208	90
Morse, M, WAS	.992	85	732	55	6	793	63
Murphy, D, NYM	.991	52	419	36	4	459	36
Nady, X, ARI	.993	52	372	32	3	407	36
Overbay, L, ARI/PIT	.992	109	920	66	8	994	97
Pena, C, CHC	.993	153	1116	88	8	1212	104
Pujols, A, STL	.992	146	1254	165	11	1430	134
Sanchez, G, MIA	.996	153	1262	101	5	1368	109
Votto, J, CIN	.996	160	1341	173	6	1520	127
Wallace, B, HOU	.992	96	659	77	6	742	57

SECOND BASE

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Altuve, J, HOU	.991	55	80	135	2	217	25
Barney, D, CHC	.981	135	258	349	12	619	65
Carroll, J, LAD	.980	81	91	160	5	256	35
Ellis, M, COL	.997	64	123	194	1	318	42
Espinosa, D, WAS	.982	158	305	464	14	783	101
Hall, B, HOU/SF	.970	51	114	77	6	197	23
Herrera, J, COL	.992	62	94	151	2	247	30
Hudson, O, SD	.993	114	238	308	4	550	69
Infante, O, MIA	.989	146	260	466	8	734	75
Johnson, K, ARI	.988	108	215	263	6	484	65
Keppinger, J, SF/HOU	.987	93	166	219	5	390	36
Miles, A, LAD	.992	72	119	139	2	260	28
Phillips, B, CIN	.992	148	306	409	6	721	94
Sanchez, F, SF	.988	58	105	136	3	244	30
Schumaker, S, STL	.982	95	139	251	7	397	47

PLAYER, TEAM

Tejada, R, NYM	.984	55	95	146	4	245	31
Turner, J, NYM	.978	78	144	206	8	358	36
Uggla, D, ATL	.980	159	294	440	15	749	86
Utley, C, PHI	.990	100	208	275	5	488	48
Walker, N, PIT	.992	159	333	442	6	781	108
Weeks, R, MIL	.969	115	175	291	15	481	65

THIRD BASE

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Alvarez, P, PIT	.935	66	55	145	14	214	15
Cairo, M, CIN	.972	58	31	108	4	143	13
Descalso, D, STL	.967	117	51	125	6	182	18
Dobbs, G, MIA	.943	100	49	132	11	192	8
Freese, D, STL	.941	88	33	159	12	204	23
Harrison, J, PIT	.956	50	31	100	6	137	7
Headley, C, SD	.960	107	95	166	11	272	16
Johnson, C, HOU	.937	101	65	157	15	237	20
Jones, C, ATL	.976	116	65	177	6	248	19
McGehee, C, MIL	.942	147	72	255	20	347	17
Miles, A, LAD	.928	61	21	82	8	111	8
Polanco, P, PHI	.977	118	78	259	8	345	15
Ramirez, A, CHC	.953	145	68	216	14	298	18
Roberts, R, ARI	.964	107	74	197	10	281	15
Rolen, S, CIN	.975	63	38	119	4	161	11
Sandoval, P, SF	.966	106	71	214	10	295	16
Uribe, J, LAD	.978	59	37	96	3	136	3
Wigginton, T, COL	.970	68	33	96	4	133	15
Wood, B, PIT	.973	61	27	83	3	113	9
Wright, D, NYM	.929	101	66	180	19	267	9
Zimmerman, R, WAS	.957	97	68	200	12	278	19

SHORTSTOP

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Barnes, C, HOU	.978	122	171	356	12	539	69
Bartlett, J, SD	.971	138	203	391	18	612	83
Betancourt, Y, MIL	.965	149	167	418	21	606	85
Bloomquist, W, ARI	.979	59	76	155	5	236	31
Bonifacio, E, MIA	.966	67	98	154	9	261	34
Carroll, J, LAD	.981	66	78	132	4	214	27
Castro, S, CHC	.961	158	267	446	29	742	82
Cedeno, R, PIT	.978	125	191	397	13	601	72
Crawford, B, SF	.972	65	74	167	7	248	29
Desmond, I, WAS	.966	152	226	437	23	686	85
Drew, S, ARI	.980	84	119	219	7	345	48
Furcal, R, STL/LAD	.964	85	130	250	14	394	54
Gonzalez, A, ATL	.981	149	187	434	12	633	79
Janish, P, CIN	.974	103	126	256	10	392	45
Ramirez, H, MIA	.957	86	127	188	14	329	38
Renteria, E, CIN	.959	86	95	208	13	316	36
Reyes, J, NYM	.968	124	175	361	18	554	75
Rollins, J, PHI	.988	138	181	393	7	581	79
Gordon, D, LAD	.954	54	80	128	10	218	25
Theriot, R, STL	.956	91	117	254	17	388	54
Tulowitzki, T, COL	.991	140	261	417	6	684	98

OUTFIELD

PLAYER, TEAM	PCT	G	PO	A	E	TC	DP
Ankiel, R, WAS	.996	113	245	9	1	255	0
Bay, J, NYM	.991	122	220	4	2	226	1
Beltran, C, SF/NYM	.996	134	230	10	1	241	3
Berkman, L, STL	.980	126	194	4	4	202	2
Bernadina, R, WAS	.994	84	159	6	1	166	0
Bogusevic, B, HOU	.978	53	80	9	2	91	4
Bonifacio, E, MIA	.991	60	105	4	1	110	0
Bourgeois, J, HOU	.992	73	116	1	1	118	0
Bourn, M, ATL/HOU	.992	156	367	6	3	376	2
Braun, R, MIL	.996	147	259	8	1	268	2

PLAYER, TEAM

Brown, D, PHI	.951	52	78	0	4	82	0
Bruce, J, CIN	.988	155	306	10	4	320	1
Burrell, P, SF	.932	54	53	2	4	59	1
Byrd, M, CHC	.989	118	273	8	3	284	3
Campana, T, CHC	.989	66	85	1	1	87	0
Coghlan, C, MIA	1.000	65	157	3	0	160	1
Colvin, T, CHC	.991	58	105	2	1	108	1
Denorfia, C, SD	.982	95	162	6	3	171	2
Diaz, M, ATL/PIT	.976	69	78	3	2	83	0
Ethier, A, LAD	1.000	126	243	8	0	251	0
Fowler, D, COL	.975	122	309	6	8	323	2
Francisco, B, PHI	.973	69	103	4	3	110	0
Fukudome, K, CHC	.987	82	151	5	2	158	0
Gomes, J, WAS/CIN	.985	84	127	1	2	130	0
Gomez, C, MIL	1.000	87	183	5	0	188	1
Gonzalez, C, COL	.996	125	219	12	1	232	2
Gwynn Jr., T, LAD	.993	121	140	8	1	149	2
Hart, C, MIL	.992	126	251	3	2	256	1
Heisey, C, CIN	.978	102	134	2	3	139	0
Heyward, J, ATL	.974	122	218	4	6	228	0
Holliday, M, STL	.985	115	196	4	3	203	0
Ibanez, R, PHI	.995	134	208	5	1	214	0
Jay, J, STL	.989	140	273	5	3	281	4
Johnson, R, CHC	.976	84	116	5	3	124	2
Jones, G, PIT	.994	90	155	2	1	158	1
Kemp, M, LAD	.986	159	345	11	5	361	5
Kotsay, M, MIL	.942	54	79	2	5	86	0
Lee, C, HOU	.985	80	119	10	2	131	3
Ludwick, R, PIT/SD	.991	131	217	10	2	229	3
Martinez, J, HOU	.990	52	93	5	1	99	2
Mayberry, J, PHI	.981	61	104	2	2	108	0
Maybin, C, SD	.986	136	342	2	5	349	1
McCutchen, A, PIT	.984	155	414	9	7	430	5
McLouth, N, ATL	.988	79	169	0	2	171	0
Morgan, N, MIL	.992	111	244	5	2	251	1
Morrison, L, MIA	.977	119	207	6	5	218	0
Morse, M, WAS	.989	55	89	4	1	94	1
Nix, L, WAS	.985	85	122	7	2	131	3
Pagan, A, NYM	.968	121	302	5	10	317	1
Parra, G, ARI	.990	135	288	12	3	303	5
Paul, X, PIT/LAD	.991	101	102	5	1	108	0
Pence, H, PHI/HOU	.980	153	284	11	6	301	3
Petersen, B, MIA	.982	62	106	5	2	113	2
Prado, M, ATL	.983	100	171	6	3	180	1
Presley, A, PIT	.988	51	77	2	1	80	1
Pridie, J, NYM	.984	75	120	2	2	124	0
Rasmus, C, STL	.987	92	223	4	3	230	0
Ross, C, SF	.995	115	183	8	1	192	1
Rowand, A, SF	.994	84	157	3	1	161	0
Sands, J, LAD	1.000	57	89	6	0	95	1
Schafer, J, HOU/ATL	.990	79	191	1	2	194	1
Schierholt, N, SF	.982	103	197	9	3	169	4
Smith, S, COL	.978	129	216	5	5	226	0
Soriano, A, CHC	.965	128	187	8	7	202	2
Spilborghs, R, COL	1.000	64	78	4	0	82	0
Stanton, M, MIA	.980	142	282	10	6	298	2
Stubbs, D, CIN	.992	157	366	8	3	377	2
Tabata, J, PIT	.988	88	157	4	2	163	2
Torres, A, SF	.986	109	204	6	3	213	2
Upton, J, ARI	.964	159	339	5	13	357	2
Venable, W, SD	.989	109	176	3	2	181	2
Victorino, S, PHI	1.000	130	296	0	0	296	0
Werth, J, WAS	.978	149	342	11	8	361	4
Young, C, ARI	.993	155	394	4	3	401	2

Abstruse stuff that had never happened until 2011

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A TEAM

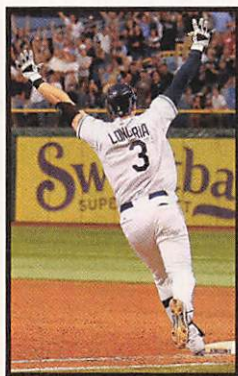
- » Struck out at least seven times in each of its first nine games of a season (Rays).
- » Won eight straight games immediately after starting a season 0-2 (Indians).
- » Was shut out seven times before the 1st of May (Padres).
- » Finished April with a winning record after losing its first six contests (Rays).
- » Hit three home runs in the 14th inning (or later) of a game (Royals).
- » Posted a runs-hits-errors line of 1-0-5 (Indians).
- » Hit 21 consecutive solo home runs (Giants).
- » Ascended from at least 6.5 games back at the end of one month (April) to sole possession of first place at the end of the next (Diamondbacks).
- » Lost the opening game in its first 10 homestands of a season (Mets).
- » Hit three grand slams in the same game (Yankees).
- » Got a grand slam from a pitcher in three straight seasons (Cardinals).
- » Fielded three different outfielders who hit at least 40 doubles (Royals).
- » Hit a grand slam in four consecutive home games (Diamondbacks).
- » Missed the playoffs by blowing a nine-game advantage in September (Red Sox).
- » Made the playoffs on the final day of a season by overcoming a deficit of seven runs or more (Rays).
- » Strung a single, double, triple and home run (in that order) in the same inning of a postseason game (Tigers).
- » Scored first in each of the first six games of a postseason series (Cardinals in NLDS).
- » Won a postseason series despite no starting pitcher working into the sixth inning (Cardinals in NLDS).
- » Scored a run in seven different innings of a World Series game (Cardinals), which they did twice (Game 3 and Game 6).

TWO PLAYERS

- » Who were teammates hit a home run in each of their team's first three games of a season (Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz).
- » Who were rookies went 5-for-5 on the same day (Eric Hosmer and Mike Carp).
- » Who were teammates hit at least four first-inning leadoff home runs (Rickie Weeks and Corey Hart).

A BATTER

- » Hit a walk-off home run for a fifth different team (Johnny Damon).
- » Hit multiple homers in a game for an eighth different team (Mike Cameron).
- » Had three two-triple games before the end of May (Jose Reyes).
- » Played at least 65 games all at first base and did not hit a home run (Darin Barton).
- » Had 19 hitless games with at least three strikeouts (Adam Dunn).
- » Needed only seven seasons to deliver an eighth walk-off homer (Ryan Zimmerman).
- » Who was not a pitcher finished a season hitless in 37 at-bats (Eugenio Velez).
- » **Hit a final-day, playoff berth-clinching walk-off home run in a non-play-in game (Evan Longoria).**
- » Popped seven home runs during the first week of September (Ian Kinsler).
- » Played at least 100 games in the outfield but recorded neither an error nor an assist (Shane Victorino).
- » Struck out to end his team's postseason for a second straight year (Alex Rodriguez).
- » Homered, stole a base and threw out a runner attempting to steal in a postseason game (Mike Napoli).
- » Hit a walk-off grand slam in the playoffs (Nelson Cruz).
- » Collected more than 10 home runs over the course of two successive postseasons (Nelson Cruz).
- » Got a hit in four consecutive innings of a World Series game (Albert Pujols).



A PITCHER

- » Logged four wins by April 15, five by the 20th or six by the 25th (Jered Weaver).
- » Began his career with 48 appearances of no more than one inning (Jordan Walden).
- » **Allowed a hit to the only batter he faced in an All-Star Game, yet got the win (Tyler Clippard).**
- » Who throws left-handed went a decade between games with at least nine strikeouts (Bruce Chen).
- » Recorded back-to-back saves in which the final out was the result of an outfield assist (Jose Valverde).
- » Won 23 of his first 25 career decisions (Alfredo Aceves).
- » Won a game as a starter for a sixth different team before his 28th birthday (Edwin Jackson).
- » Allowed at least eight runs in back-to-back starts without getting out of the first inning in either (Zach Britton).
- » Who had made only one regular-season start in his career started a postseason game (Matt Moore).
- » Lost an All-Star, ALDS, ALCS and World Series game in the same year (C.J. Wilson).
- » Turned 40 (or older) during a World Series in which he was playing (Arthur Rhodes).
- » Won two winner-take-all games in a single postseason (Chris Carpenter).



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